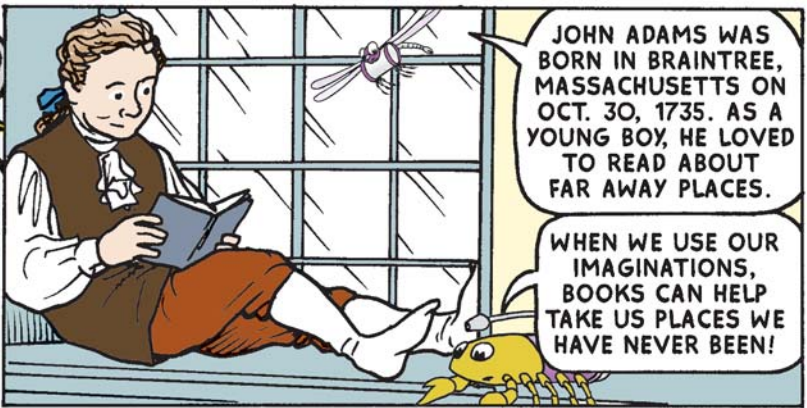
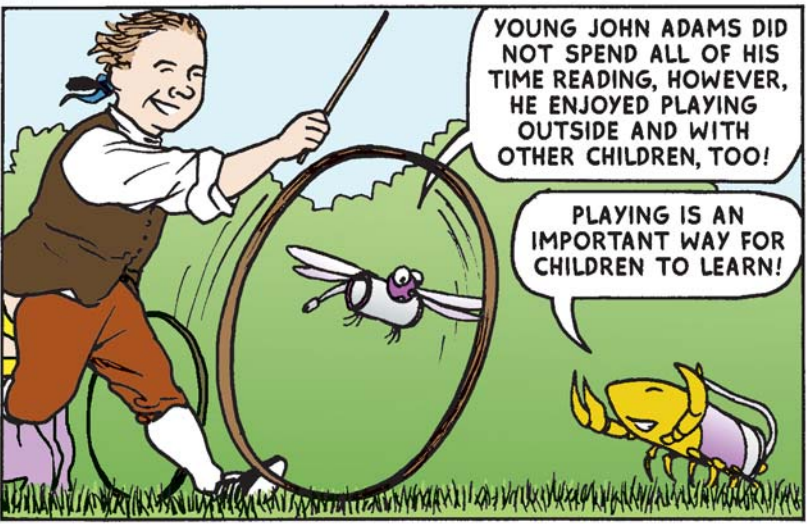


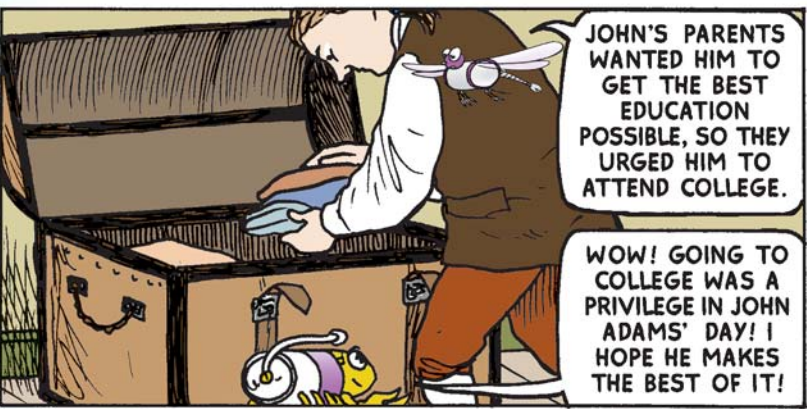
THIS SHOWS AMERICA BEFORE THERE WERE STATES. THESE ARE THE 13 ORIGINAL COLONIES. OUR NATION'S SECOND PRESIDENT, JOHN ADAMS WAS FROM THE COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS!



WHEN WE USE OUR IMAGINATIONS, BOOKS CAN HELP TAKE US PLACES WE HAVE NEVER BEEN!

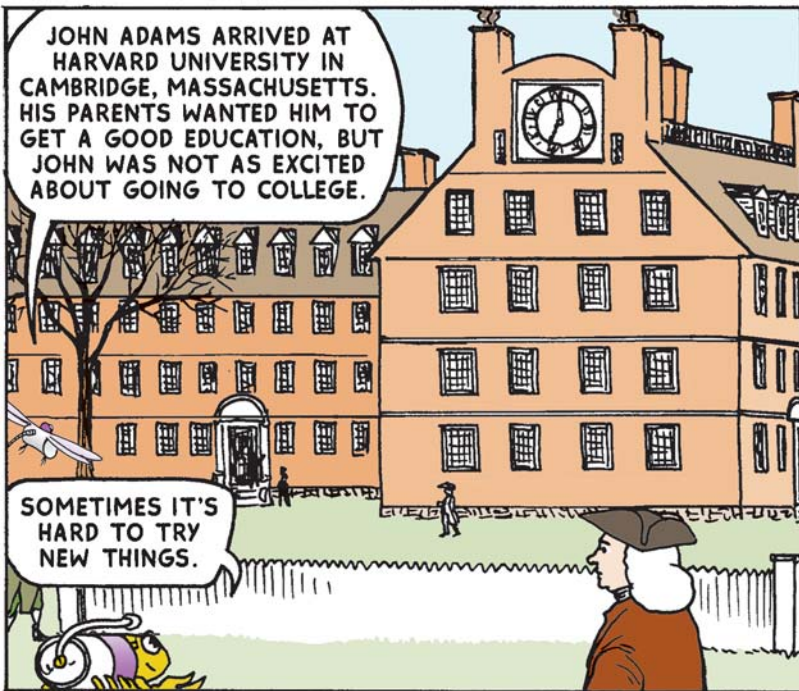


PLAYING IS AN IMPORTANT WAY FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN!



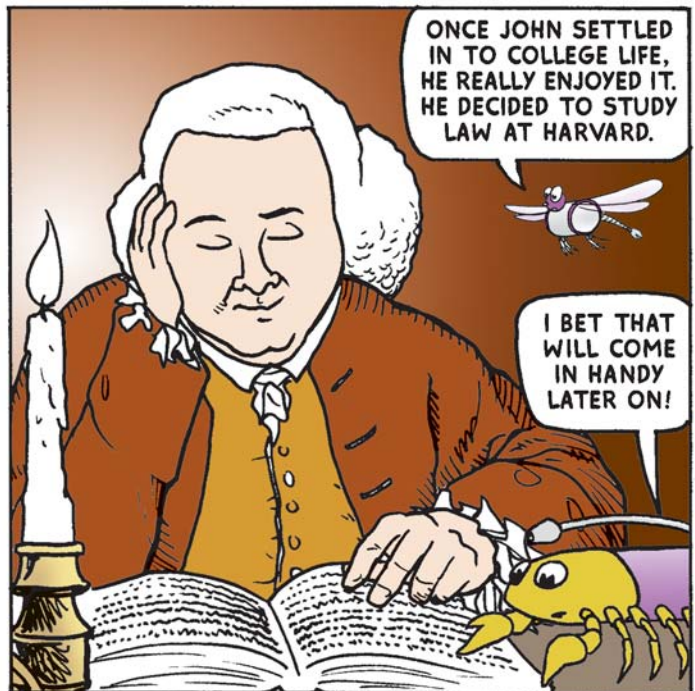
WOW! GOING TO COLLEGE WAS A PRIVILEGE IN JOHN ADAMS' DAY! I HOPE HE MAKES THE BEST OF IT!





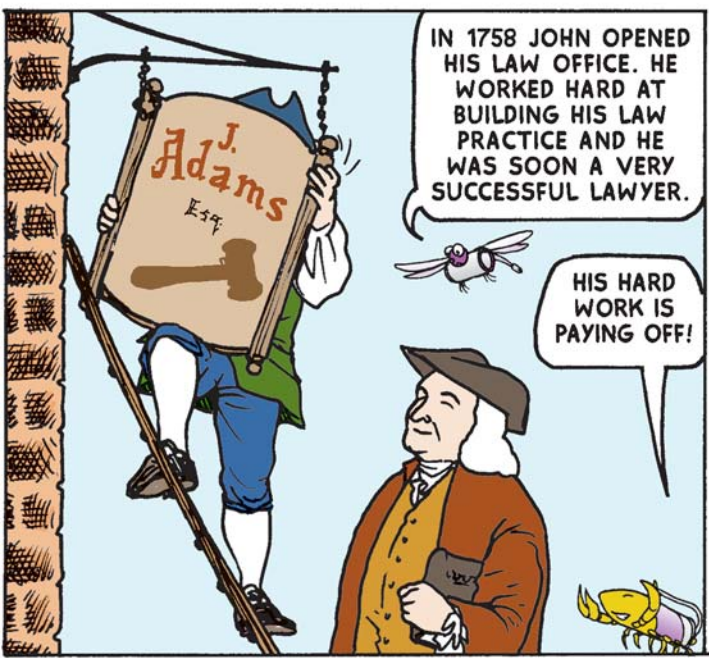
JOHN ADAMS ARRIVED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. HIS PARENTS WANTED HIM TO GET A GOOD EDUCATION, BUT JOHN WAS NOT AS EXCITED ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE.

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO TRY NEW THINGS.



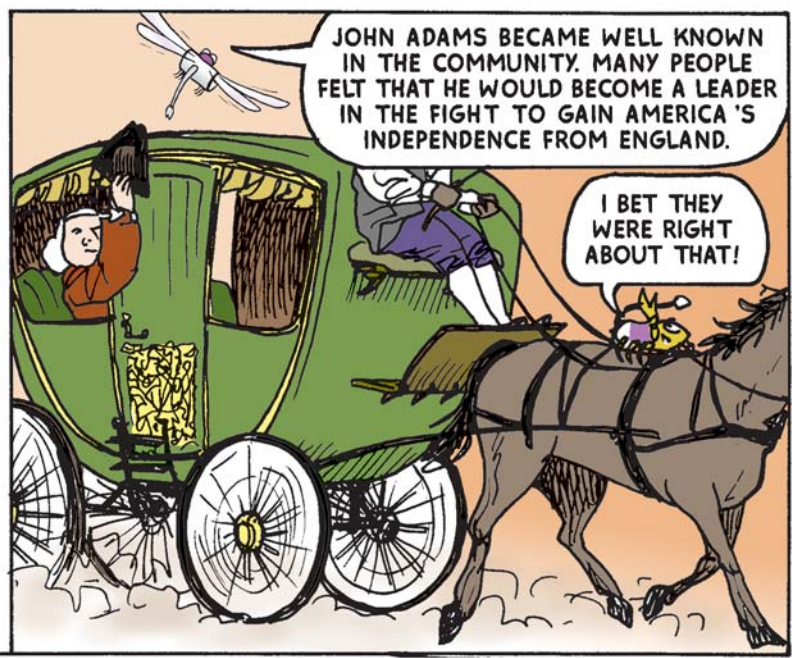
ONCE JOHN SETTLED IN TO COLLEGE LIFE, HE REALLY ENJOYED IT. HE DECIDED TO STUDY LAW AT HARVARD.

I BET THAT WILL COME IN HANDY LATER ON!



IN 1758 JOHN OPENED HIS LAW OFFICE. HE WORKED HARD AT BUILDING HIS LAW PRACTICE AND HE WAS SOON A VERY SUCCESSFUL LAWYER.

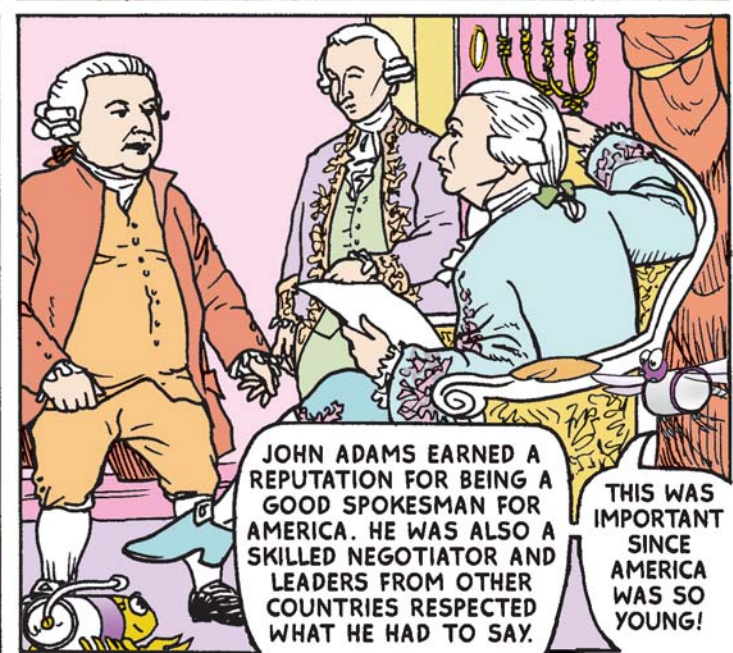
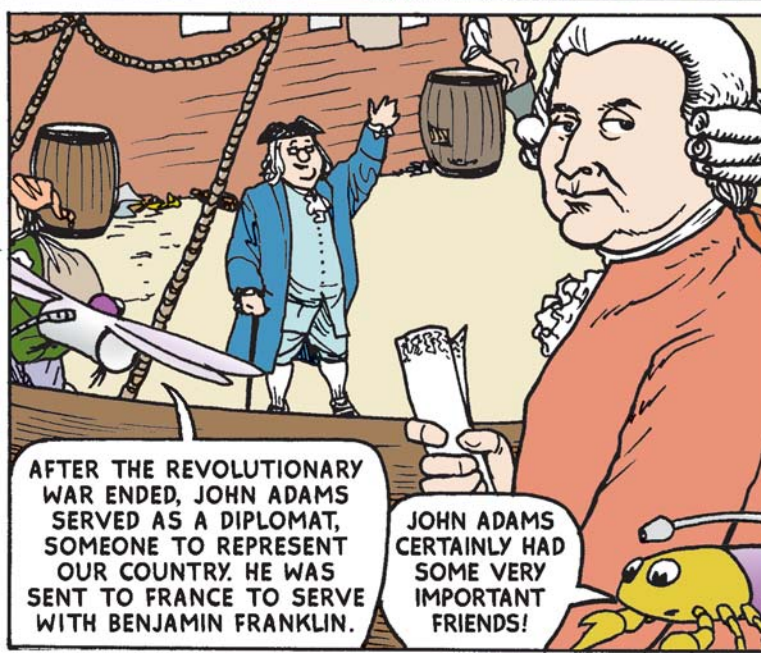
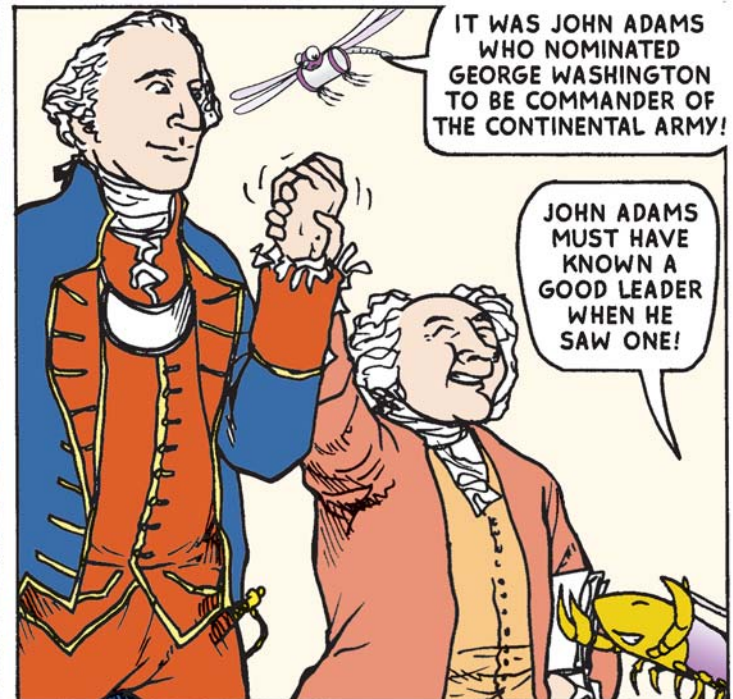
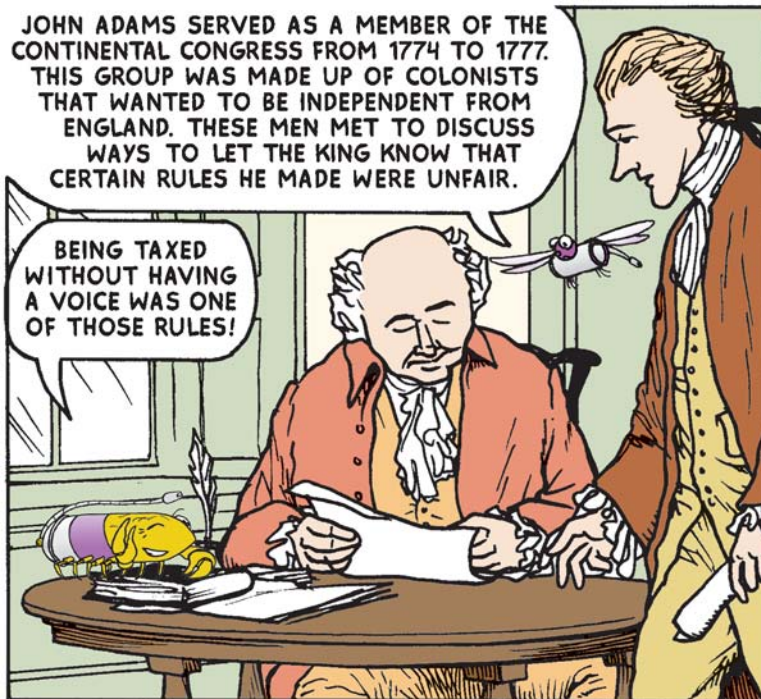
HIS HARD WORK IS PAYING OFF!



JOHN ADAMS BECAME WELL KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE FELT THAT HE WOULD BECOME A LEADER IN THE FIGHT TO GAIN AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM ENGLAND.

I BET THEY WERE RIGHT ABOUT THAT!



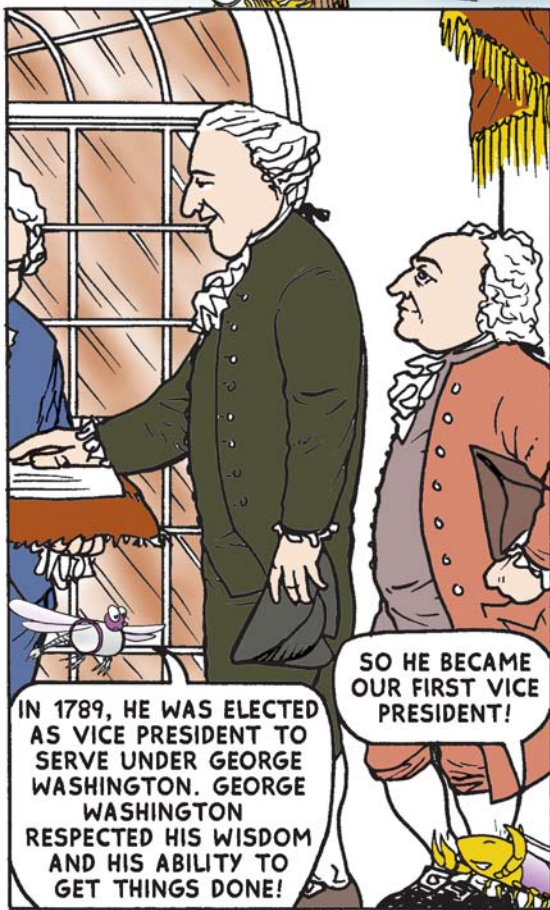






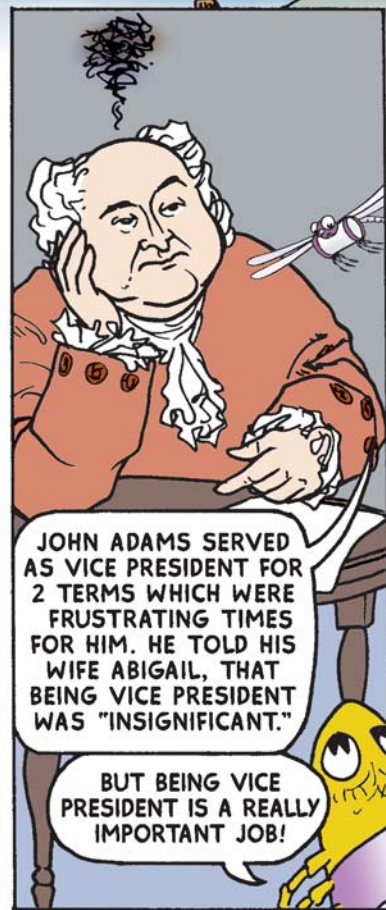
JOHN ADAMS RETURNED TO AMERICA IN 1788. HE HAD SPENT A TOTAL OF 3 YEARS AWAY FROM HIS OWN COUNTRY AND HIS FAMILY.

THAT'S A LONG TIME TO BE AWAY FROM HOME!



IN 1789, HE WAS ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT TO SERVE UNDER GEORGE WASHINGTON. GEORGE WASHINGTON RESPECTED HIS WISDOM AND HIS ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE!

SO HE BECAME OUR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT!



JOHN ADAMS SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2 TERMS WHICH WERE FRUSTRATING TIMES FOR HIM. HE TOLD HIS WIFE ABIGAIL, THAT BEING VICE PRESIDENT WAS "INSIGNIFICANT."

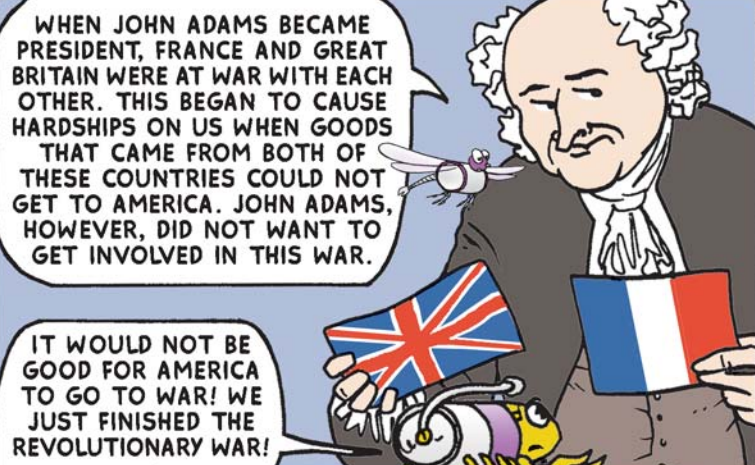
BUT BEING VICE PRESIDENT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT JOB!



AFTER GEORGE WASHINGTON SERVED 2 TERMS, JOHN ADAMS DID IN FACT BECOME PRESIDENT!

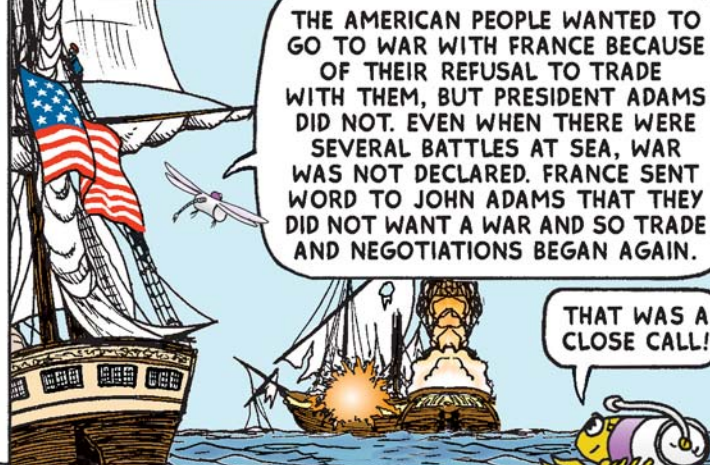
JOHN ADAMS WAS OUR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND NOW HE IS OUR SECOND PRESIDENT!



A cartoon illustration of John Adams, an elderly man with white hair, wearing a dark suit and a white cravat. He is holding two flags: the Union Jack of the United Kingdom in his right hand and the French tricolor in his left. A small, colorful cartoon fish is swimming in a circular frame in front of him. A dragonfly is flying near his head.

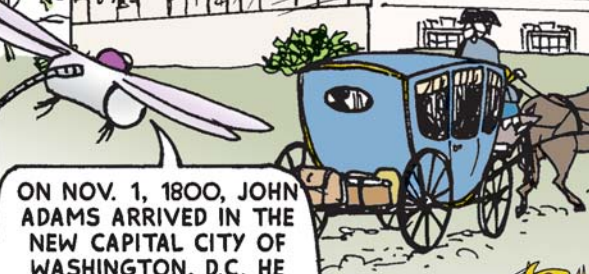
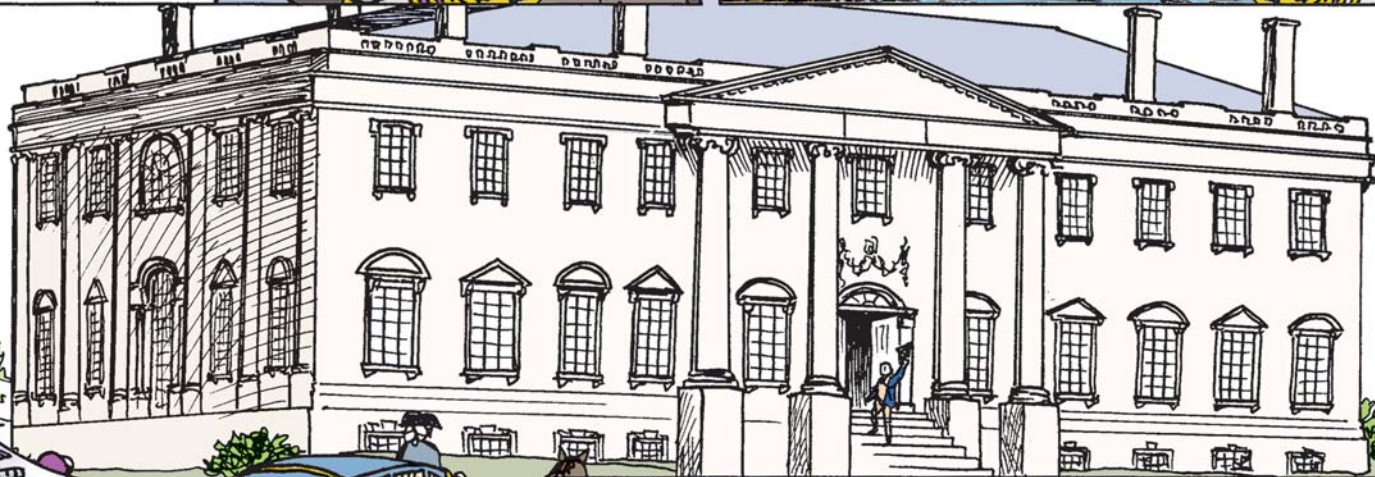
WHEN JOHN ADAMS BECAME PRESIDENT, FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN WERE AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER. THIS BEGAN TO CAUSE HARDSHIPS ON US WHEN GOODS THAT CAME FROM BOTH OF THESE COUNTRIES COULD NOT GET TO AMERICA. JOHN ADAMS, HOWEVER, DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS WAR.

IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD FOR AMERICA TO GO TO WAR! WE JUST FINISHED THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR!

A cartoon illustration of a seascape. In the foreground, a large wooden sailing ship with an American flag on its mast is at sea. In the background, another sailing ship is on fire, with a large explosion of orange and yellow flames. A small cartoon fish is swimming in the water in the foreground. A dragonfly is flying in the sky.

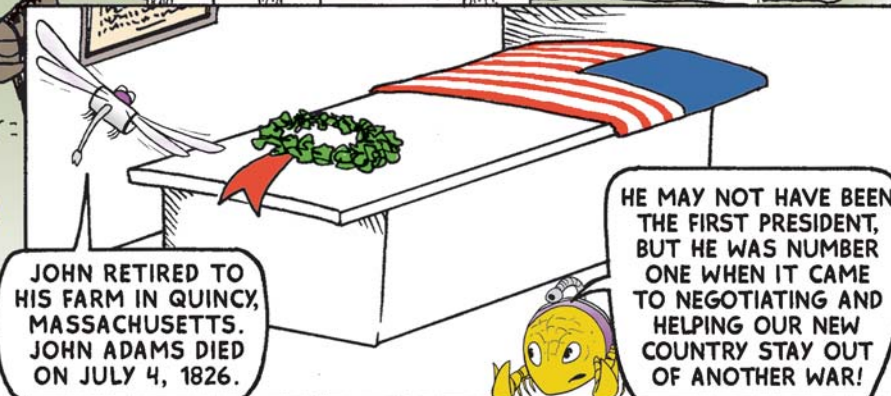
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANTED TO GO TO WAR WITH FRANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR REFUSAL TO TRADE WITH THEM, BUT PRESIDENT ADAMS DID NOT. EVEN WHEN THERE WERE SEVERAL BATTLES AT SEA, WAR WAS NOT DECLARED. FRANCE SENT WORD TO JOHN ADAMS THAT THEY DID NOT WANT A WAR AND SO TRADE AND NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN AGAIN.

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!

A cartoon illustration of a blue horse-drawn carriage with a driver and a horse. A small cartoon fish is swimming in a circular frame in front of the carriage. A dragonfly is flying in the foreground on the left.

ON NOV. 1, 1800, JOHN ADAMS ARRIVED IN THE NEW CAPITAL CITY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. HE MOVED INTO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT WAS CALLED THE "PRESIDENT'S HOUSE" AT THIS TIME. THE HOUSE WAS NOT COMPLETELY BUILT WHEN HE AND ABIGAIL MOVED IN.

SO JOHN ADAMS WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE!

A cartoon illustration of a white rectangular grave. An American flag is draped over the right side of the grave, and a green wreath is placed on top. A small cartoon fish is swimming in a circular frame in front of the grave. A dragonfly is flying in the foreground on the left.

JOHN RETIRED TO HIS FARM IN QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS. JOHN ADAMS DIED ON JULY 4, 1826.

HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE FIRST PRESIDENT, BUT HE WAS NUMBER ONE WHEN IT CAME TO NEGOTIATING AND HELPING OUR NEW COUNTRY STAY OUT OF ANOTHER WAR!