

SSUSH6: ANALYZE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE FIRST FIVE PRESIDENTS AND HOW THEY RESPONDED.

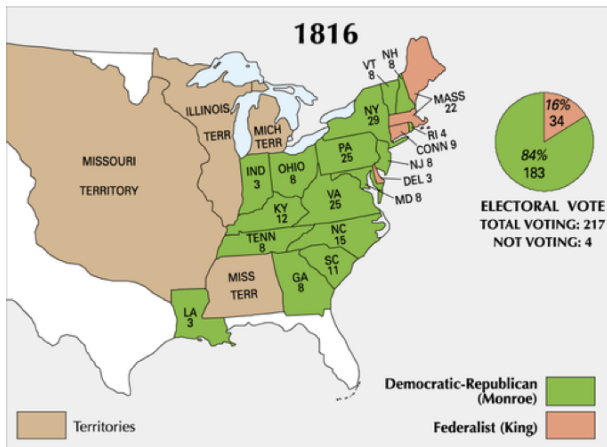


ELEMENT E: Explain James Monroe's Presidency in relation to the Monroe Doctrine.

James Monroe's Presidency



- ❑ James Monroe had served as James Madison's Secretary of State and easily won the Presidential Election of 1816.
- ❑ The old Federalist vs Democratic-Republican rivalry had dwindled after the War of 1812.
- ❑ There was great unification among a majority of Americans around the Democratic-Republicans and the nation was prospering economically.
 - Thus, the period is often referred to as the Era of Good Feelings.
 - During James Monroe's presidency, the United States' foreign policy approach was clearly defined and remained the guide for future presidents over the course of many decades.



The Monroe Doctrine

- ❑ Following the end of the Napoleonic Wars, Spain's colonial holdings gained their independence.
- ❑ When a possible Franco-Spanish alliance appeared imminent in 1823, President James Monroe warned the nations of Europe not to meddle in the politics of North and South America.
 - When a group of European countries planned to help one another capture colonies in the western hemisphere that had recently gained independence, Monroe announced that the United States would prevent European nations from interfering with independent American countries. This became known as the Monroe Doctrine.
 - Further, Monroe said the United States would remain neutral in wars between European nations and would not interfere in their American colonies.
- ❑ In summary, the Monroe Doctrine defined a key aspect of United States foreign policy.

