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# *Early Years*

- Born in Braintree, Massachusetts on July 11, 1767
- Son of John Adams, the United States' 2nd president.
- In 1775, him and his mother watched the Battle of Bunker Hill from their family farm.

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# Adolescence

- At age 10, he traveled to France with his father on a trip.
- By age 14, he was doing on the job training in the Diplomatic Corps as well as receiving an education
- In 1781, he went with diplomat Francis Dana to Russia as a secretary and translator

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# *Young Adulthood*

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- In 1783 he went with his father to Paris to be a secretary, who was negotiating the Treaty of Paris.
- He stayed Europe till 1785, during this time he became fluent in French, Dutch, and German.
  - He returned to the United States in 1785, and graduated from Harvard University in 1787.

# *Personal History*

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- In 1790, he became an attorney in Boston, Massachusetts.
- By 1793 he had been appointed the United States' Minister to Holland by George Washington.
  - This was the beginning of Adams' long political career as a respected bureaucrat.

# Personal History

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- In Early 1797 his father becomes president
- His father also appointed him United States' minister to Prussia in 1797
  - On the way to Prussia, he stopped in England to marry Louisa Catherine Johnson, daughter of the United Consol to Great Britain.



# *Personal History*

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- In 1800 he returned to America from Prussia.
- In 1802 he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature.
- By 1803 he had been elected to the United States' Senate.
  - He was considered a federalist in the senate.

# *Personal History*

1808-1813

- In June 1808 he resigned from the senate and becomes a Democratic-Republican.
- In 1809 he returns to the Diplomatic Corps to train students.
- He became the United States' minister to Russia in 1809 as well.

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