

What is the setting?  
 France is taking US ships and using their men to fight in the war with Britain

How does Adams respond to the setting?  
 He sends 3 US diplomats to discuss what is happening

# The XYZ Affair

How does it get the name the "XYZ Affair?"  
 The French never reveal their identity, so they are known as X, Y, Z.

What happens between the US and France?  
 The French agents (X, Y, Z) demand a bribe and US refuses to pay.

What does "Millions for Defense, not one cent for Tribute" mean?  
 - rather pay a million dollars preparing for war, then giving France money.

This leads to....

"Alien" means:  
 Foreigner

"Sedition" means:  
 Criticize

# The Alien and Sedition Acts

What did it do?  
 The Sedition Act: If one criticizes the government, you can be fined or imprisoned  
 The Alien Act: Any foreigner can be deported if felt they were a threat

Did it violate the Constitution?  
 Violated the 1st amendment

Why was it passed?  
 Americans were in fear that France would start a war