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President Adams

1. Why did the Americans want to speak with the French in the XYZ Affair?

The French were impressing U.S. ships

2. Who were X, Y, and Z and what did they want?

They were the French representatives and they wanted a bribe

3. How did the Americans respond?

They decline the bribe and start preparing for war

4. Define:

Alien Act: The government could expel any foreigner thought to be dangerous

Sedition Act:

Citizens can be fined or jailed for criticizing the government

5. Do you think the Alien and Sedition Acts are constitutional? Why or why not?

Answers will vary

Violates 1st & 5th amendment