



# Georges Washington and Thomas Jefferson's : main figures in shaping the United States

- *(Key question) : What role did the two character played in US's Independence, and in shaping US politically until today ?*

## INTRODUCTION

- "Rebellion to tyrans is obedience to Go" , T.Jefferson => sentence reflecting to birth of America, through the figures of G.Washington and T.Jefferson.

## II. Washington's and Jefferson's contribution to influencing the US politically until today

-> important to note : the influence of their political ideologies, most of them remaining today, some in the consituion, others observable in the political organisation of the US .

- **Washington's political ideologies :**
  - federalism : put in place by G.Washington , still in place and observable today , even if it's form has evolved to a dual approach.
  - National Unity : He is the one who highlighted it in the Constitution, and this ideology remains today, stronger than ever (the constitution is a symbol of this national unity as well as many other symbols (flag, anthem..))
- **Jefferson political influence / ideology**
  - Jeffersonian Democracy : idea of a direct participation of the people in the political process => Still observable today , through the ex : of referendums.

## I.Contribution to America's independence.

-> Main idea : both of Washington and Jefferson, played a key role in achieving independance from 1775 to 1783, on different levels.

- **George Washington :**
  - The one who led soldiers during the war of independance
- **Jefferson**
  - after the war of independance -> writing of the "Declaration of Independance" -> Jefferson was among the authors -> the one who wrote the core of the declaration : "all men are created equal".