Alexander Hamilton (American Experience, PBS)
Documentary Review Exercise

What is the significance of Hamilton's background in the formation of his world view?

Why did Hamilton come to favor a strong national government?

What was Hamilton's relationship with George Washington?

How did Hamilton use the war debt, as well as the debt of the individual states, to build credibility in the new federal government?

What was the Dinner Table Compromise? How did Hamilton get away with this?
How was Hamilton's political ascent viewed by his peers and colleagues?

How did Thomas Jefferson's vision of the United States differ from that of Hamilton?

How did the Jefferson/Hamilton feud manifest itself politically?

How did Hamilton and Jefferson diverge in their views of public opinion?

Richard J. Payne describes Hamilton as "the quintessential American". What does he mean?

Why is Hamilton described as a 'great statesman but a terrible politician'?