**Hamilton and Jefferson Have a Conversation**

**Thomas Jefferson-** Mr. Hamilton, I’m glad I ran into you. We have had some disagreements and for the good of the country, I think we need to talk them out.

**Alexander Hamilton-** I agree Thomas. Let’s start with the plan to reduce our nation’s debt. My plan to reduce the foreign debt will work like this-

**T.J.-** I believe the plan you just describe is bad for our nation because-

**A.H.-** I disagree with this sir. My plan is solid because-

**T.J.-** O.K., I’ll agree to support your plan if you agree to move our nation’s capital from New York City to-

**T.J.-** While we are on the topic of our national government, I believe that most of the power is placed in the hands of the states by the Constitution.

**A.H.-** I mean no disrespect sir, but have you lost your mind. The national government needs the power to effectively run our country.

**T.J.-** Lets simply agree to disagree on this one. Let’s move on to the Constitution. How do you believe the Constitution should be interpreted?

**A.H.-** I believe

**T. J.-** You must explain to me why you believe this.

**A.H-**

**T.J.-** I disagree. The Constitution is constructed in a strict manner. This means…

**A.H.-** Thomas, how do you envision the make up our nation’s economy?

**T.J.-** I see…

**A.H.-** I have a totally different vision. I believe the economy should be based on…

**A.H.-** I also believe we need a National Bank to accomplish this. I believe it is necessary because…

**T.J.-** But a bank cannot be owned by Congress, or any part of the government because….

**A.H.-** Oh dear sir, Congress can charter a bank because…

**A.H.-** How have we drifted so far apart

**T.J.-** I don’t know. I think I will resign my position of Secretary of State and leave public life for a while. Good luck with all you are trying to accomplish.