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Washington's Farewell Address

Directions: Summarize each section in your own words.

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| <p>1) The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any name resulting from local discriminations. With slight differences, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels, and joint efforts of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.</p> <p>Exalt: Think highly of something Discriminations: Unfair treatment of people because of their religion, skin color or sex. Triumphed: Won</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Summarize:</p> |
| <p>2) In contemplating the causes which may disturb our country, it occurs as matter of serious concern that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties by geographical discriminations, Northern and Southern, Atlantic and Western; whence designing men may endeavor to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Summarize:</p> |
| <p>3) Let me now take a more complete view, and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of parties. The alternate power of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party conflict, which in different ages and countries has effected the most terrible horrors, is itself a frightful</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Summarize:</p> |

despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent **despotism.** The disorders and miseries which result gradually persuade the minds of men to seek security and rest in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some **faction**, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this to the purposes of his own power, on the ruins of public liberty.

Solemn: Unhappy

Baneful: Harmful

Despotism: Absolute power by a ruler

Faction: Group

4) Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general distribution of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be open-minded.

Summarize:

5) The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed friendships, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none; or a very distant relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by false ties in the ordinary variations of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or hatreds.

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