1. How much older was John Adams than Abigail Adams?

2. Abigail's father was a ______________________ for 45 years. Her mother was a Quincy - a famous family of the time - which meant that Abigail came from the most noted and respected class of the day.

3. Did John like school as a child?

4. What sort of schooling did Abigail receive as a child?

5. They wrote letters during their courtship. John was very romantic but he could also be very critical at times. He criticized the way she hung her head, the way she sat with her legs crossed, and her singing. How did she handle his criticisms?

*Extra Credit: What does this show you about the sort of woman she was?

6. Who was John's older cousin?

7. This cousin was instrumental in creating the ___________ of _________________.

8. As a lawyer, John defended __________________, a well-known leader of the patriot cause in a sensational trial.

9. John was one of five delegates chosen from Massachusetts for the ________________ Congress that was to meet in Philadelphia.

10. What were Abigail's thoughts on slavery?

11. A committee of five was chosen to draft a document declaring independence. Jefferson's first draft included a long section on the evils of ______________________ that was not included in the final version.

12. All too soon after finally returning home, John was called away again by duty to his country. Congress elected John to be a commissioner to the country of France along with two other men: ____________________ and Arthur Lee.

13. What family member accompanied John Adams to France?
*Extra Credit: What sorts of dangers did they encounter on the voyage to France?

14. Was John the "famous Adams" that the French were excited to see?

15. When deciding to have only one commissioner to France, who did Congress choose?

16. What two men did John believe would be over-represented in the history books regarding the American Revolution?

17. After 18 months in France, John returned home. Three months later, he was called away yet again. John was appointed by Congress to negotiate treaties of peace and commerce with ..... 

18. Abigail did not see her husband for ______________ years!

19. During this time, John Quincy Adams served as secretary to Minister Frances Dana in Russia when he was only __________ years old!

20. In 1783, England was finally ready for ___________________. A negotiating team of commissioners established a peace treaty with England.

21. John wrote to Abigail at this point saying, "You may depend upon a good domestic husband for the remainder of my life. My children will realize that they do have a father." What does he seem to be expecting regarding the next phase of his life?

22. Abigail sometimes thought that the honors her husband had received were ___________________ of her ___________________.

23. Who did Congress select to be the First Minister to Great Britain?

* Extra Credit: How does Abigail feel as she contemplates her new role in England?

24. What was John's reaction to his audience with King George?

25. What was Abigail's reaction to her audience with the King and Queen?
26. What happened to John in April of 1789?

27. What conclusion did John come to about the office of Vice President of the United States?

28. Where was the capital at that time?

29. Later, the seat of government moved to ________________________________.

30. Who succeeded George Washington as President of the United States?

31. Of what accomplishment is John most proud? (clue: it is related to what he wants said on his gravestone)

32. In the fall of 1800, the capital was moved to ________________________________ where the new home for the President had been built.

33. In a letter to Abigail at this time, John wrote, "I pray heaven to bestow the best blessings on this home and all who shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but _________________ and _________________ men rule under this roof." [Note: President Franklin D. Roosevelt had this lettered in gold in the marble over the fireplace in the State Dining Room of the White House.]

34. Who became the next President of the United States?

35. Their friendship with Jefferson was hanging by a thread. Abigail renewed the friendship when she began corresponding with Jefferson after the death of his ____________________________.

36. John lived 8 more years after Abigail died. He had the privilege of seeing his son become....

37. John died at nearly the age of 91. What was the date of his death?

38. Who else died on this very day a few hours earlier?

39. Thus, the only two _________________ of the Declaration of Independence who went on to become ______________________________ both died on the very same day which just happened to be the __________________ anniversary of the signing of the document!