

Directions-Read the excerpt from a letter to Francis Hopkinson from Thomas Jefferson and answer the questions that follow.

To Francis Hopkinson  
Paris, Mar. 13, 1789

With respect to the re-eligibility of the president, I find myself differing from the majority of my countrymen... And indeed, since the thing is established, I would wish it not to be altered during the life of our great leader, whose executive talents are superior to those I believe of any man in the world, and who alone by the authority of his name and the confidence reposed in his perfect integrity, is fully qualified to put the new government so under way as to secure it against the efforts of opposition. But having derived from our error all the good there was in it I hope we shall correct it the moment we can no longer have the same name at the helm.

1. Why does Jefferson want to wait to correct the Constitution?
2. Make an inference- what does Jefferson think of the President at the time he wrote this letter?

Letter text:

Thomas Jefferson

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