

AARON BURR: "THE SHOOTER"



- **Aaron Burr, Jr.** (February 6, 1756 – September 14, 1836) was an American politician. He was the third Vice President of the United States (1801–05); he served during **President Thomas Jefferson's first term.**
- After serving under **George Washington** as a Continental Army officer in the Revolutionary War, Burr became a successful lawyer and politician
- The highlight of Burr's tenure as President of the Senate (one of his few official duties as vice president) was the Senate's first impeachment trial, of **Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase.**
- In 1804, the last full year of his single term as vice president, Burr killed his political rival **Alexander Hamilton** in a famous duel. Burr was never tried for the illegal duel, and **all charges against him were eventually dropped**, but Hamilton's death ended Burr's political career.
- After leaving Washington, Burr traveled west seeking new opportunities, both economic and political. His activities eventually led to his arrest on charges of treason in 1807.
- He went to trial but got off (**acquitted.**)