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US History

Creating the American Republic: Biographical Essay

You will compose a five paragraph biographical essay (1-2 pages in length) about one of the men who attended the Constitutional Convention. The essay should follow the following format:

Paragraph 1: Introduction In this opening paragraph you should include basic information about the individual, such as their name, their country of origin, when they were born, what their family was like, and what their responsibility/position was during the Revolutionary War. You should conclude your introduction by stating the three facts about the person that you will be discussing in the body paragraphs of this essay. (See below)

Paragraphs 2-4: BodyIn each individual paragraph you should discuss in detail specific facts about the person relating to the prompts listed below. Each paragraph must contain a minimum of 4, well-written sentences.

Paragraph 2 – Why did this person support the United States in its fight for independence from Great Britain? (Research what the individual was doing during the Revolutionary War)

Paragraph 3 – What did this person want the government of the United States to be like? (Research the individual’s beliefs and role prior to and during the Constitutional Convention)

Paragraph 4 – How was this person’s life impacted by their involvement in the creation of the American Republic? (Research the life of the individual after the Constitution was created)

Paragraph 5: Conclusion Restate the key points that you presented in the body of your paper, and then answer the following question: Should this person be honored as an American hero? In making this moral judgment, make sure to present concrete reasons for your answer.

Grading Rubric (Total Points Possible = 100)

1) Proper Organization (0-10 points)

-5 paragraphs, 1-2 pages, Good spelling and grammar

2) Opening Paragraph (0-20 points)

-Basic information about the person, conclude with three facts

3) Body Paragraphs (0-50 points)

-States the specific fact, minimum of four sentences with detailed information surround the fact

4) Closing paragraph (0-20 points)

-Restates three facts, Answers whether the persons actions were right or wrong, provides concrete reasons

Resources

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\_founding\_fathers.html

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/