



PLANIT
TEACHERS

Introduction to US History: The American Revolution

Homework Sheet

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction and Background Information

The American Revolution was a pivotal event in US history, shaping the country's development and leaving a lasting impact on its government, society, and culture. This homework assignment is designed to support classroom learning objectives, encouraging critical thinking and independent learning while exploring the significance of the American Revolution.

Background Information:

- The American Revolution (1775-1783) was a colonial revolt that led to the formation of the United States of America.
- The Revolution was sparked by a combination of factors, including taxation, territorial expansion, and Enlightenment ideas.
- Key events, such as the Boston Massacre, the Declaration of Independence, and the Treaty of Paris, shaped the Revolution's outcome.

Analyze the following primary sources:

1. **The Declaration of Independence (1776)**: Consider the document's purpose, tone, and key principles.
2. **The Treaty of Paris (1783)**: Evaluate the treaty's terms, consequences, and impact on the newly independent nation.
3. **Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams (1776)**: Examine Abigail's perspective on women's rights and the Revolution's potential to bring about social change.

Questions:

1. What were the main causes of the American Revolution?

2. How did the Declaration of Independence reflect the Enlightenment ideas of the time?

3. What were the key terms and consequences of the Treaty of Paris?

Short-Answer Questions

Answer the following questions, using evidence from the primary sources:

1. What were the main causes of the American Revolution?

2. How did the Declaration of Independence reflect the Enlightenment ideas of the time?

3. What were the key terms and consequences of the Treaty of Paris?

Essay Question

Choose one of the following essay questions and write a well-structured, evidence-based response:

1. Analyze the significance of the American Revolution in shaping the United States' government and society.

2. Evaluate the impact of the American Revolution on the institution of slavery in the United States.

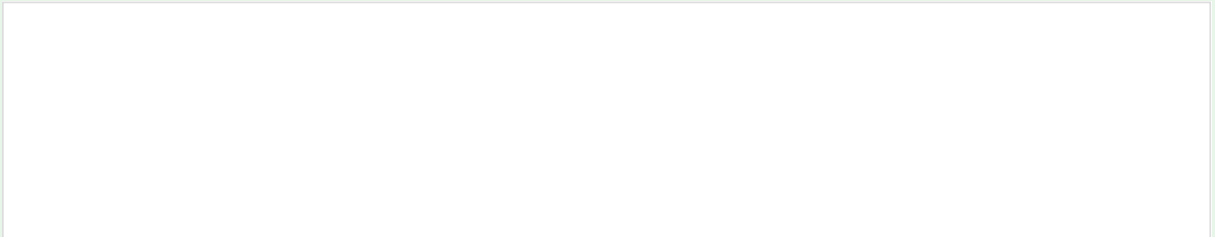
3. Discuss the role of women in the American Revolution, using Abigail Adams' letter as a primary source.

Extension Activities

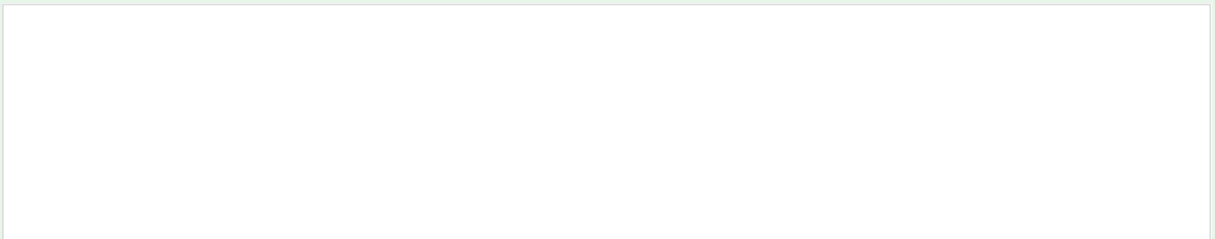
Choose any combination:

1. Divide into small groups and debate the following topics:

- The American Revolution: Justified or Unjustified?
- The Impact of the American Revolution on Native American Communities
- The Role of Slavery in the American Revolution



2. Create a multimedia presentation (e.g., video, podcast, or infographic) that explores the American Revolution's significance and impact on modern American society.



Self-Assessment

Complete the self-assessment rubric, evaluating your own understanding of the American Revolution:

1. What are the key concepts and events of the American Revolution?

2. How do the primary sources support or challenge my understanding of the Revolution?

3. What areas do I need to review or explore further to deepen my understanding of the American Revolution?

Conclusion and Reflection

Reflect on your learning and understanding of the American Revolution. Consider the following questions:

1. What did I learn about the American Revolution?

2. How did the primary sources help me understand the Revolution?

3. What would I like to learn more about in the future?

Additional Resources

For further learning and exploration:

- National Archives: The Declaration of Independence
- Library of Congress: The Treaty of Paris
- Smithsonian National Museum of American History: American Revolution

Glossary

Key terms and definitions:

- Colonial revolt
- Enlightenment ideas
- Primary source
- Secondary source