Hammond United States History 2013

Homework Options for Unit 1= **Foundations in U.S. History and Geography**

**Directions**: For the next 2 weeks you will choose **TWO** of the Homework Options below to complete. They will be **due** by **Friday** for full credit, but you may turn them in earlier if you choose. Follow the rubric below to ensure you receive full credit.

**Rubric**: 1) Assignment(s) turned in **on time**

2) Minimum **125** words for each written assignments

3) Written or typed **neatly**

4) **Grammar** and **spelling** correct

5) Historical **information** is accurate

Option #1: President George Washington risked his reputation when he defended and supported the treaty that John Jay had negotiated with England. In what ways did he risk his reputation? Would you have done that? Explain.

Option #2: Write a letter to President John Adams telling him why you object to the Alien and Sedition Acts.

Option #3: Write a page in Jefferson’s diary expressing his feelings of guilt over the Louisiana Purchase.

Option #4: Using the letters in the word EMBARGO, make up a slogan that shows the anger Americans felt about the 1807 Embargo.

Option #5: Choose one of the people below and write a list of grievances against Britain from his point of view.

1. Shipbuilder or manufacturer
2. Southern tobacco or rice farmer
3. Someone wanting to settle in the West

Option #6: Pretend that you are an American living in 1776 and have just learned about the Declaration of Independence. Write a diary entry, short poem of letter describing your feelings.

Option #7: Pretend that you are a colonist in the 1760s. Write an appeal to Parliament explaining why they should repeal one of the following acts. Give specific reasons.

1. Navigation Acts
2. Writs of Assistance
3. Sugar Act
4. Currency Act
5. Stamp Act

Option #8: If television, radio, internet or social networking had existed in 1776, how do you think the Declaration of Independence would have been reported on the news? Be prepared to share this with the class.

Option #9: Interview your parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends etc (at least 4 different people) if they would pay a voluntary tax to help pay off the national debt (approx.$ 17 trillion). From their answers, do you think we could get it paid off? Explain.

Option #10: What, or who, is the “Central Government” for our school? Do you think we could function without one? Why? Why not?

Option #11: Choose one weakness of the Articles of Confederation that you feel was most harmful to the country. Write a petition to Congress stating:

1. Why this is harmful
2. How the government might benefit from having more power in this area
3. Your ideas on how to make the changes

Option #12: Read the preamble to the Constitution. Why did the words, “We the people…” have such an impact on the world? Use recent examples in history to further explore this idea.

Option #13: Use the following questions for the First Amendment:

1. Is there any freedom you would want added? Explain.
2. How exactly do you use freedom of speech and the press?
3. How do you limit your own freedom of speech?
4. Interview a parent or neighbor on how they personally use the First Amendment?

Option #14: Which of the 10 amendments that make up the Bill of Rights is most important to you personally? Explain.

Option #15: Draw a political cartoon about the Monroe Doctrine that could have appeared in a European magazine of the time.

Option #16: Explain what the idea of Manifest Destiny was back in the mid-1800s. Do you feel that you have a “manifest destiny”? What is it? If not, what would you choose your “manifest destiny” to be?

Option #17: Make up a paid advertisement urging the United States not to give up any of the Oregon Territory to England (54 40 or fight).

Option #18: Describe the term/phrase “a house divided” by writing a poem, song or diary entry… you could also choose to do a piece of creative artwork.

Option #19: Who was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation? Who wasn’t? What do you think Lincoln was trying o accomplish?

Option #20: What was the 13th Amendment to the Constitution and how well do you think it has been enforced?