

Unit 2 Project – Creating a Nation

Below are the instructions for your Unit 2 Project along with a list of guidelines detailing how to earn a solid grade for your work.

Instructions

Your Unit Project will be a persuasive essay that responds to the following question:

Was the Revolutionary War and the foundation of the United States of America as it stands inevitable? Why or why not?

Review the Unit Project Lesson for step-by-step instructions.

Your Unit Project must have a minimum of 5 paragraphs and include the following:

- An introductory paragraph that states your position
- Three separate paragraphs describing an event and explaining how it could or could not be changed:
 1. An event from before the Revolutionary War
 2. An event from during the Revolutionary War
 3. An event from after the Revolutionary War
 - You must include one event in its own paragraph
- A conclusion that explains why your argument is important

Remember to write in complete sentences in your own words and use good spelling and grammar.

	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Average (2)	Poor (1)
Position Statement	The position statement provides a clear, strong statement of the author's position on the topic	The position statement provides a clear statement of the author's position on the topic	A position statement is present, but does not make the author's position clear	There is no position statement
Evidence and Examples	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and expectations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant, and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained

Accuracy	All supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately	Almost all supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately	Most supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately	Most supportive facts and statistics are inaccurately reported
Closing Paragraph	The conclusion is strong and leaves the reader solidly understanding the author's position Effective restatement of the position statement begins the closing paragraph	The conclusion is recognizable The author's position is restated within the first two sentences of the closing paragraph	The author's position is restated within the closing paragraph, but not near the beginning	There is no conclusion – the paper just ends
Grammar and Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content	Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content	Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content	Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content