ESSAY

The American Revolutionary War

**LEARNING TARGET:** I can explain and support the one main reason why the American colonists won the Revolutionary War.

**ASSIGNMENT:** For this essay, you will be asked to state the three reasons why the Continental Army was able to win the Revolutionary War, but defend a thesis statement explaining the ONE main reason for American victory. Remember, what you choose for your thesis is your opinion, but you will NOT use “I statements.” Instead, state your opinion as if it is fact based on contextual evidence. (Our textbook is the only source you will need.) You will be evaluated on how well you defend your chosen reason through the use of contextual support and evidence.

1. Use your prewriting sheet (graphic organizer) to help you decide which of the three American strengths became the most important reason the Continental Army won the Revolutionary War. Consider the amount of contextual support that you can provide.

2. After you choose your ONE reason, categorize this reason (motivation, Washington, French) into two categories (prongs). These will make up your two body paragraphs. Support each prong with evidence from the textbook. SUPPORT! SUPPORT! SUPPORT! ☺

3. Your essay should be three paragraphs, an introduction and **two** body paragraphs. You are encouraged, but not required to add a conclusion paragraph.

4. One final REQUIREMENT: Somewhere in your supporting evidence, include at least one direct quote from the textbook. The length of a quotation should only be a sentence or two at most. Make sure you use quotation marks to indicate that what you are quoting are words from the textbook and not your own.

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