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**Journal Entry**

Directions: Respond in your journal using complete sentences and three complete paragraphs. Give good detailed thought to the following questions. Feel free to add additional ideas related to the topic as well.

1. Based on our discussion, reading, and the movie today, what is your impression of John Adams? What kind of man was he? Speak about his character, his values, and what you think he stood for.
2. Now, what are your thoughts on our debate topic? Did you see anything in the movie that helped form your opinion? Should John Adams have defended the British soldiers? Why or why not?
3. Choose one or two quotes from the back of this page. Give an interpretation of what you think John Adams met when he spoke these words. Relate this to what you said above to who John Adams was and what he stood for.

**John Adams Quotes:**

“Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people.”

“Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.”

“There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live.”

“There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.”

“Government should be a government of laws, and not of men.”

“Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion….in private self-defense.”

“Because power corrupts, society’s demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases.”

“Facts of stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.”

“I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.”

“Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write.”