

Appendix A

Essay Assignment Writing Prompt and Checklist

Life in a New Nation: Final Essay

Essay Prompt: After the Revolutionary War, the United States began to govern itself, and many people and events started to help shape our new nation. Which **TWO** presidents listed below do you feel had the greatest impact on the United States? For each president, describe their time in office and include at least one major event that happened during their term(s) that you think helped to shape America. Lastly, which president do you feel had the least impact? Describe their presidency and why you feel this way. You may use *any* of your materials from this unit to help you in writing this essay.

First 7 American Presidents:

George Washington John Adams Thomas Jefferson James Madison
James Monroe John Quincy Adams Andrew Jackson

Make sure when writing your essay you:

- ☐ Include the necessary parts of an essay
- ☐ Include 2 presidents who you feel had the greatest impact
- ☐ Describe each president's time in office
- ☐ Explain a major event that shaped the nation during their term(s)
- ☐ Include 1 president who you feel had the least impact
- ☐ Describe this president's time in office
- ☐ Do NOT write in first person (NO I, me, my)
- ☐ Check your essay for capitalization
- ☐ Check your essay for spelling
- ☐ Check your essay for complete sentences
- ☐ Check your essay for punctuation