

Lake Ridge Academy – US History – Revolutionary Era Essay

You will write a 2-3 page paper that addresses the question below. In completing the paper you should check off the following list:

- Answer all aspects of the question
- Have a clear and distinct arguable thesis
- Use evidence from the course material to support your thesis
- The thesis statement should be in the opening paragraph
- Demonstrate that the paper has been proof-read and edited for clarity
- Include this sheet as a cover, printed, check-list completed with your name included below

Name: _____

ESSAY QUESTION

During the Revolutionary Era from **1763 to 1800** the Founding Fathers encountered many challenges. **Identify** and **analyze** what you consider to be their most significant success and their most significant failure in overcoming these challenges. In your answer **explain** how and why these issues have had a **lasting legacy**.

Things to consider in your essay:

- Choose a clear success that you feel comfortable arguing about and have evidence for.
- Choose a determinable failure that again, you have evidence to support.
- Each of these is subjective – in other words, what you view as a failure somebody else may consider a success. That is fine.
- When choosing your success and failure, consider the last part of the question. You need to be able to discuss that lasting historical legacy of these issues. If you can't answer this part of the question you need to either rethink your choice or discuss this with Mr. Isherwood.

Due Date: Tuesday, September 20