Response To Reading

Seminar: The American Revolution
Due: 5 December 2009


Relax, you don’t have to read the whole Companion!

But we believe you will find this an indispensable reference to the American Revolution. It is a guide to the events, themes, and concepts of the Revolutionary War, featuring 90 topical essays on all aspects of the conflict, its context and its aftermath.

The essays range from 5 to 11 pages in length.

Read ONE from EACH of the SIX PARTS. Then read SIX MORE from wherever.


Read “Creating the Nation: The Revolution.” This chapter is a collection of Primary sources about the American Revolution.

Writing Assignment

Write a 1 to 2 page, double spaced, typed essay in response to one of the essays in the Companion that particularly interested you and include references to the primary sources in Retrieving the American Past, as relevant. Write about what you learned, the thoughts that the essay inspired, classroom implications—the specifics are up to you. Identify the essay and talk about why it especially interested you.

Include a separate sheet that lists the essays you read in the Companion.