

Fourth Grade

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Did the grit of the Americans at Valley Forge enable to survive and succeed?

Part III: This part consists of a document-based question. On this part, you will be provided with one version of the test based on your readiness to handle critical thinking challenges. (You may opt for a more difficult version than your teacher provides, but you will be graded on the version that you complete.)

Document Based Question

Directions: The task below is based on documents 1 through 5-6. The task is designed to test your ability to work with documents. Examine each document and answer all questions beneath the document. Use the answers to the questions to help write your essay.

Background

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Task: Use the information from the documents and your knowledge of social studies, write an essay in which you:

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- Discuss two elements that make up grit.
- Discuss two conditions American had to endure at Valley Forge.
- Evaluate whether grit was the factor that enabled Americans to survive at Valley Forge?

In your essay remember to

- Write an opinion essay, arguing whether the Native Americans were a more advanced society than the Europeans who colonized America.
- Include an introduction, a body, and a conclusion
- Use information from *at least three* documents in your answer
- Include historical facts, relevant details, and reason in developing your idea

Document #1:

George Washington wrote a letter to plea for help at the darkest moment of the American Revolution. This letter was sent to all the states except Georgia and it depicts Washington at his most impressive. In the letter, Washington makes clear his urgency, gives a shocking but compassionate description of the plight of his troops, and issues his stern but considered warnings of the consequences of failure. George Washington proceeded to detail the urgent need for additional supplies and troops. The outcome of the war depended on it.

-Anonymous

1. According to the document, why did George Washington write a letter?

_____ [2]

2. Referring to the text, what two things did Washington plea for?

A. _____ [1]

B. _____ [1]

Document #2

At Valley Forge, there were shortages of everything from food to clothing to medicine.

Washington's men were sick from disease, hunger, and exposure. The Continental Army camped in crude log cabins and endured cold conditions while the Redcoats warmed themselves in colonial homes. The patriots went hungry while the British soldiers ate well.

-Anonymous

1. What were two of the shortages at Valley Forge?

A. _____ [1]

B. _____ [1]

2. What were the conditions for the British soldiers?

_____ [2]

Document #3:



No battle was fought at Valley Forge. Yet, it was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. It was here that the Continental Army was desperately against the ropes — bloody, beaten, battle-weary — and ready to quit. Even General Washington conceded, "If the army does not get help soon, in all likelihood it will disband." Even cold, hungry, sick, and dying, for six months, the Continental Army stayed together.

- Anonymous

1. According to the document, what were three conditions for the American troops?

A. _____ [1]

B. _____ [1]

C. _____ [1]

2. According to the author, What did George Washington feel would happen to the army without help?

[1]

Document #4

GRIT

THE POWER *of* PASSION
and PERSEVERANCE



Angela Duckworth defines grit as passion to achieve long term goals and perseverance to endure hardships to achieve long term goals. Americans hated the British and were passionate about forming their own country.

What were the colonists passionate about achieving?

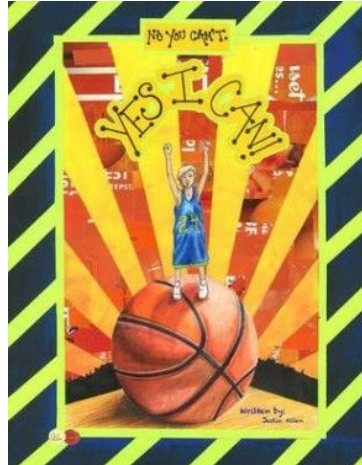
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Based on the other documents, what are two things americans had to endure at Valley Forge?

[1]

_____ [1]

Document 5



In *No You Can't, Yes I Can*, what are two hardships the author overcomes because of his grit?

A. _____ [1]

B. _____ [1]

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