**Signers of the Constitution Essay Requirements**

**Overview: The student will write a brief essay about a particular signer of the Constitution following the directions and guidelines listed below.**

**Length: Two full pages minimum, doubled spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins top and bottom.**

**Points: Roughly 50 . . . TBD.**

**Sources: Minimum of three book or website, be sure to include a bibliography at the end of the paper. Two bonus points for each book utilized in the paper.**

**Grading Requirements: Consult ALL writing rules and the WHOLE essay rubric on the Classroom Writing Page on the Augusta Social Studies website.**

**Essay Outline Ideas, or Points of Consideration: Below is a list of ideas to consider when writing your brief biography on a signer of the Constitution. The student is not required to include all this information, just what they can locate using the sources provided or in research.**

* **Anything related to the signer’s personal background before the American Revolution. (I.E. upbringing, family, education, etc.)**
* **Anything related to the signer’s role in the American Revolution.**
* **Anything related to the signer’s occupation. (REQUIRED)**
* **What expertise and or ideas whether they were philosophical or practical did the signer have that contributed to making the Constitution?**
* **What other governmental or private roles might the signer have held before coming to the Constitutional Convention? (REQUIRED)**
* **Did the signer have any significant relationships that might have influenced his actions at the Constitutional convention?**
* **There were 39 signers of the Constitution. We are going to skip Washington, Madison and Hamilton. That means each student will writing NINE mini biographies throughout both first and second quarters. Below is a link that lists all the signers.**
* [**https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-constitution-amendments/about-the-signers/**](https://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-constitution-amendments/about-the-signers/)

**Other Sources to Consider:**

* [**https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/founding-fathers**](https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/founding-fathers)
* [**https://constitutioncenter.org/learn/educational-resources/founding-fathers**](https://constitutioncenter.org/learn/educational-resources/founding-fathers)

**Signers of the Constitution Final Group Project**

**Overview: After completing all 36 mini biographical essays about the signers of the Constitution, students will compile them into one comprehensive Google Slides Presentation and present it to . . . ???**

**Presentation Layout: Title Slide, Cautionary Slide Explaining GW, JM, and AH Exclusions, and One Overview Slide of Each Signer. The person who write the biography will present the slide. The Slides should be arranged by state. In other words, the signers from Virginia grouped together, then Massachusetts, and so on.**

**Points: 100 Points per participant.**