

Sachem's Speech Writing Activity

The year is 1676. You are the sachem (chief) of a Narragansett village in Rhode Island. King Philip, a Wampanoag leader, is gathering warriors from different tribes to fight against the English. You realize there are three options: join King Philip, fight against King Philip, or stay out of the fighting. (Think back to the options sheet: Options 1, 2, or 3). Which option do you want the people of your village to follow?

You will write a three paragraph speech telling what option you want the people of your village to follow. This counts as a test grade. Remember that a paragraph is at least five sentences. Here is the speech's format:

Paragraph 1

Introduce yourself as the sachem of your village. Tell which option you want the people of your village to follow. Why is this option the best choice for everybody in the village? (In other words, what is good about this option?) Explain. (30 points)

Paragraph 2

What is wrong with the other two options? Explain. (30 points)

Paragraph 3

Predict. What will life be like for your grandchildren's grandchildren if the village follows this option? (In other words, what will life be like 100 years after 1676 if the village follows this option?) Explain. (30 points)

Assessment List

Paragraph 1's writing is well explained. _____ of 30 points

Paragraph 2's writing is well explained. _____ of 30 points

Paragraph 3's writing is well explained. _____ of 30 points

All writing is historically accurate. _____ of 10 points

TEST GRADE: _____ of 100 points