

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT

***Patriots, Traitors, and Spies
From Virginia Viteri***

Grade: 5th

Length of class period: 45 minutes

Inquiry:

Students will explain how specific individuals' (Nathan Hale and Benedict Arnold), ideas, beliefs, and actions influenced the Revolution.

Objectives:

Students will examine and analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources for two well-known Connecticut soldiers from the Revolution, Nathan Hale and Benedict Arnold. They will select 3 character traits for each person, list them in a graphic organizer, and provide evidence from the sources for each. They will then compare and contrast Hale and Arnold using the following guided questions:

1. Was this man a patriot?
2. Was he a man of principle?
3. Did this man have character?
4. Was this man right to behave the way he did?

Materials:

- Packet of primary and secondary sources for Nathan Hale (attached)
- Packet of primary and secondary sources for Benedict Arnold (attached)
- Character Traits graphic organizer (attached)
- Compare/Contrast Evaluation Form (attached)
- Assessment Rubric (attached)

Activities:

- Teacher will distribute packets to partners (or groups) to students.
- Students will examine and analyze packets to complete the Character Traits graphic organizers for Nathan Hale and Benedict Arnold.
- Students will complete the Compare/Contrast Evaluation Form

Assessment:

- Teacher will use the rubric to assess student learning.

Connecticut Framework Performance Standards:

Grade Level Expectations: 5th Grade: Early American History through the Revolution/Constitution with an emphasis on local history connections and use of primary materials.

Standard 1: Content Knowledge

1.1: Explain how specific individuals and their ideas and beliefs influenced American History

Standard 2: History and SS Literacy Skills

2.1: Locate and gather information from primary and secondary sources/

2.2: Compare and contrast information provided by primary and secondary resources.

2.3: Organize information in outlines and graphic organizers.