

Establishing the American Nation "Meeting of the Minds"

Objective: The purpose of this activity is to look at and analyze the differing view points in regard to differing ideas related to the establishment of the American Nation.

You will select one of the names below and with research will be able to discuss what their opinion(s) on the events of the era would be. You will be expected to articulate thoughts/ideas on the relevant issues. Bonus points can be earned during "the meeting." People seated silently during "the meeting" may be asked POINTED QUESTIONS to bring them into the discussion.

On _____ the class will discuss the time of the establishment of the American Nation from the various points of view. This will be our "Meeting of the Minds."

Through the class' discussion students will share opinions and analyze various view points and discuss who has the more plausible ideas.

You are required to write a 5 to 6 page paper briefly introducing your person and explaining your beliefs/ideas related to the time period. For this first meeting you will be partnered with another student – this will help you understand the process better without having to "go solo."

Topics to be covered are: the power/role of the American government (break this down into the power of the President, the Legislature, and the Supreme Court), the Whiskey Rebellion, the role of political parties, America's relation to Great Britain, taxation and trade policies. The time frame is approximately 1789 (keep that in mind) through 1807. Some of the people listed below may be dead or die during this time period.

Paper is due ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

You might have to make inferences. State why you take the stand you do on the various issues. If your individual had NO opinion on a particular topic, do not worry, do your best.

Value: 50 points

Individuals:

John Adams
Aaron Burr
Albert Gallatin
Patrick Henry
Thomas Jefferson
John Marshall
George Washington

Abigail Adams
Benjamin Franklin
Alexander Hamilton
John Jay
James Madison
James Monroe