

## ANNALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY ACTIVITY STUDYING HISTORY THROUGH WRITING



### Britannica Student Activity Worksheets

Using *Annals of American History* from Encyclopædia Britannica with your students incorporates reading, writing, and American history. Britannica's activity worksheets for your students can be found online at <http://corporate.britannica.com/training>. To find the student activity, click the link for "Student Activity: Studying History Through Writing" under "Annals of American History".

These activities enable students to further develop analytical skills by critiquing a historical document. Students will analyze the document by answering questions about the author's purpose, audience, writing style, emotional appeal, and impact on American history. The students will then write a review of this document, and finally, interpret the message with a current day perspective.

### Learning Objectives

- Learn about American history through the original words of history-makers.
- Identify various literary tools in writings and to analyze their usage in context.
- Develop group skills in language arts, including critique and discussion.
- Build and enhance nonfiction reading comprehension skills.

### Selected Documents

Discovery of the New World -- 1493  
Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death -- 1775  
The Declaration of Independence -- 1776  
The Articles of Confederation -- 1781  
Constitution of the United States -- 1787

The Bill of Rights -- 1789  
The Gettysburg Address -- 1863  
A Program for Social Security -- 1935  
The Moon Landing -- 1969  
J. Carter's Nobel Peace Prize Lecture --2002

### Selected Authors

Samuel Adams  
Jane Addams  
Madeleine Albright  
Susan B. Anthony  
Neil Armstrong  
George W. Bush

Hillary Clinton  
Christopher Columbus  
Emily Dickinson  
Benjamin Franklin  
Patrick Henry  
Thomas Jefferson

John F. Kennedy  
Abraham Lincoln  
Ronald Reagan  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
George Washington

### Quick-Click Dictionary

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