

Module 7 - Launching the Nation

Essential Question

(1 paragraph with intro, conclusion, and supporting sentences)

Prompt

Historical Context

In this module you've learned about the important events of the first three presidencies and how they affected the country. Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of the module content by writing an essay.

Task

Write a persuasive essay that answers this question:

How did challenges and disagreements help shape the new nation?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and turning points during the presidencies of Washington, Adams, and Jefferson.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

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Document Based Investigation

(5 paragraph Essay)

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Historical Context

Certain details of the new republic had not been defined in the Constitution. Therefore, after ratification, many issues surrounding the national government had to be decided quickly. This included questions related to how the government would work, how much power it would have, where its boundaries were, and how foreign relationships would be conducted. It was up to the nation's first leaders to tackle these issues and lay the the foundation for a strong, united nation.

To what extent did the early presidents build a strong nation through their leadership on domestic and foreign policies?

Task

Think about each of the presidents you've studied in this module. What foreign and domestic issues did he encounter during his term? What actions did he take? How were his actions received? How did his leadership affect the strength of the nation?

Choose two of the three presidents you have studied in this module and write an analytical essay in which you examine the extent to which early presidential foreign and domestic leadership built a strong nation.

Complete the following steps as you plan and compose your speech.

1. Review your notes and sources before you start writing.
2. Use at least *four* of the sources in Part 1, and develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen text evidence from the documents.
3. Cite specific text evidence from each of the sources in your response.
4. Plan your essay so that it includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
5. Organize your essay in a clear and logical way, and use relevant details to support your analysis.
6. Write a conclusion that sums up your ideas and supports the information you present.