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My Brother or My Father?

Sam decides to join the Patriot movement against his father’s wishes. Life is decidedly against the war and the Patriot cause. Tim is caught in the middle of their argument and is unable to decide which one he supports. He has always looked up to his brother because of his charisma and intelligence. Tim also respects his father’s opinion because his father is older and knows more about everything. If you were Tim and had to make a decision based on your father’s beliefs or your brother’s, which would you choose?

First, answer the following questions:

Would you support your father or your brother? Why? _____

Now, rank the following factors in order of importance for supporting either your father or brother and write why you ranked it as such.(1 = most important).

_____ trust _____

_____ intelligence _____

_____ common sense _____

_____ loyalty _____

_____ experience _____

_____ personal belief _____

_____ other _____

Get in a small group to talk about your decisions. Determine the beliefs you share and those about which you disagree. One member of the group will report your conclusions to the class.

Internet Scavenger Hunt

Use the Internet for Revolutionary War research. Look to this Web site: *The Revolutionary War: A Journey Towards Freedom*. At the site, you can read about famous historical figures of the Revolutionary War and answer the questions below.

Step 1: Type in <http://library.thinkquest.org/10966/> to go to the site.

Step 2: Click on the Infopedia Star at the left of the screen.

Step 3: Click on Historical Figures Collection.

Step 4: Choose a historical figure on whom to report.



Name: _____

Birthplace and date: _____

What was your historical figure's occupation before the Revolutionary War? _____

Why did this person join the Revolutionary War effort? _____

What are your famous person's significant involvements during the war? _____

What did this famous person do after the war? _____

Additional notes: _____

After you have completed your research, you will need to adopt the personality of the character to give a presentation to the class, explaining your (the character's) life and why you were involved in the Revolutionary War. In your presentation be sure to report and act as if you were the figure during the time of the war.

Extension: If you have extra time, explore the site for more exciting information about the Revolutionary War. Tell the class what you found.