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Perspectives from a Primary Source

Definitions “Primary Source”: the raw materials of history—original documents and objects that were created at the time under study (Library of Congress)

Directions:

- Select a primary source.
- Read the primary source carefully.
- Answer the questions on this worksheet to consider the primary source’s information.
- Share your findings from this primary source in the larger conversation about the Christmas or the Battle of Trenton and its impact on the American Revolution.

1. Basic Information

a. Title of the Document:

b. Author/Creator:

c. Date of Creation:

d. Type of Document:

2. Content Analysis:

- a. Main Ideas: Summarize the main ideas presented in the document.

- b. Key Quotes: Select two to three significant quotes from the document and explain their importance.

Quote 1:

Explanation:

Quote 2:

Explanation:

Quote 3 (Optional):

Explanation:



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2. Contextual Analysis

- a. Historical Context: What historical events or conditions surround the creation of this document? How does this context influence the content of the document?

- b. Author's Goal: What was the author's background and what was the purpose of creating this primary source?

3. Significance and Impact

- a. Personal Impact: According to this document, how did the Christmas or the Battle of Trenton impact this person?

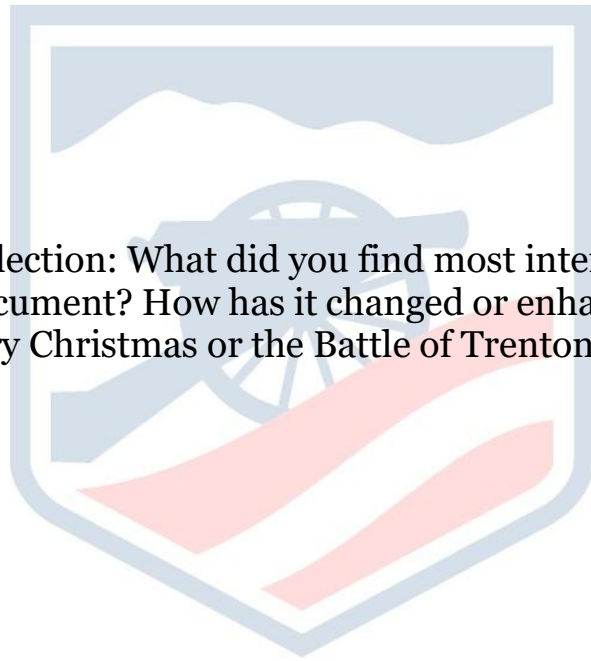
- b. Immediate Impact: Did this document have an immediate outcome on the Battle of Trenton? Or is it recording a personal experience? Or reporting outcomes to authorities or the public?

- c. Long-term Significance: What events of long-term significance are described in this document?

4. Reflection:

a. Modern Relevance: In what ways, if any, does this document remain relevant to contemporary issues or discussions?

b. Personal Reflection: What did you find most interesting or surprising about this document? How has it changed or enhanced your understanding of 18th Century Christmas or the Battle of Trenton?



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