

Social Studies Basic Writing Projects

U.S. History

Paragraph

Write a paragraph explaining the key points of a major event in U.S. history.

Summary

Summarize a key battle of the Civil War.

Instructions

Write instructions for slaves using the Underground Railroad escape route.

Narrative

Write a historical narrative about an important event in American history.

Poem

Write an ode to an important person in American history.

Play

Write a play that takes place in Jamestown during the birth of America.

Essay

Write an essay that compares and contrasts the views of Federalists with the views of anti-Federalists during the ratification of the Constitution.

World History/Culture

Summary

Summarize an important event in world history.

E-Mail

Write a fictional e-mail to Julius Caesar, warning him of an assassination plot planned for March 15, 44 BC.

Instructions

Write instructions for properly burying an ancient Egyptian pharaoh.

Narrative

Write a narrative about the Renaissance from the perspective of a feudal king, noble, or serf.

Play

Write a comedy or tragedy starring one or more of the ancient Greek gods.

Essay

Write an essay explaining the rise and fall of an ancient civilization.

Government and Civics

Summary

Summarize an important national or international current event.

E-Mail

Write an e-mail to a city, state, or federal politician.

Instructions

Write instructions for ratifying a new amendment to the Constitution.

Essay

Write an essay about the evolution of the checks and balances system in the federal government.

Geography

Paragraph

Write a paragraph about one of the flags of the world.

Summary

Summarize how the geography of the United States changed after the Louisiana Purchase.

Poem

Write a poem about a land formation you are studying.

Essay

Write an essay that tells about a world city that you are studying.