

7th grade Essay Instructions and Rubric **DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

*The Seven Years' War, a global conflict known in America as the **French and Indian War**, ends with the signing of the Treaty of Paris by France, Great Britain, and Spain. In the early 1750s, France's expansion into the Ohio River valley repeatedly brought the country into armed conflict with the British colonies.*

Students are to write a three to five paragraph essay on the French and Indian War. It can be in **cursive or typed**. If they write in cursive, they may use a pencil.

The classes were assigned a group of people to write about and explain how they were involved in the war.

The groups are:

French

Native Americans

Colonists

King George

Spain

Britain

- Main topic is to explain how they (the group you were assigned) were involved in the French and Indian War
- OBJECTIVE: to help students understand how the war began and the impact it had on the founding of our nation.
- Details to include:
 - Clear understanding of how the war affected the founding of our nation
 - Specific examples of how your group of people fought in the war and why
 - How did the war end and was it satisfactory to your group?

OVERVIEW: Article from <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-french-and-indian-war-ends>

In the early 1750s, France's expansion into the Ohio River valley repeatedly brought the country into armed conflict with the British colonies. In 1756, the British formally declared war against France.

In the first year of the war, the British suffered a series of defeats at the hands of the French and their broad network of Native American alliances. However, in 1757, British Prime Minister William Pitt (the older) recognized the potential of imperial expansion that would come out of victory against the French and borrowed heavily to fund an expanded war effort. Pitt financed Prussia's struggle against France and her allies in Europe and reimbursed the colonies for the raising of armies in North America. By 1760, the French had been expelled from Canada, and by 1763 all of France's allies in Europe had either made a separate peace with Prussia or had been defeated. In addition, Spanish attempts to aid France in the Americas had failed, and France also suffered

defeats against British forces in India.

The Seven Years' War ended with the signing of the treaties of Hubertusburg and Paris in February 1763. In the Treaty of Paris, France lost all claims to Canada and gave Louisiana to Spain, while Britain received Spanish Florida, Upper Canada, and various French holdings overseas. The treaty ensured the colonial and maritime supremacy of Britain and strengthened the 13 American colonies by removing their European rivals to the north and the south. Fifteen years later, French bitterness over the loss of most of their colonial empire contributed to their intervention in the American Revolution on the side of the Patriots.

RUBRIC: late papers will not be accepted (unless it's an excused absence)

Student wrote in Cursive or typed 10 points

Student included all details about assigned group 10 points

Student shows clear understanding of French and Indian War with at least three details in each paragraph supporting their claims 10 points

Correct heading 5 points

Essay included three to five paragraphs with **correct spelling, and grammar** 10 points

Use at least five sources and **do not include wikipedia** and **do include at least 2 real books** 10 points

Sources cited (only needs to list- we are not using formal bibliography yet) 5 points

Use your own words and if you need to quote directly from A source use their last name and page number in parentheses. 10 points

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