

I Spy – Espionage During the American Revolution

A historical research and essay project for 8th Grade

St. Catherine of Siena School

Imagine what it might have been like to be a spy during the American Revolution. Pretend that you are either a loyalist or patriot spy, and discuss your life as a spy.

The Essential Question: Why did you choose to become a spy? What were the consequences of your actions, both on yourself, your friends and family, and your country?

Your Mission:

- Research the American Revolution and the role of spies in it.
- Create a character (you), and draft a short autobiography to explain why you decided to become a spy (either for the patriots or the British). You will need to invent fictional details of your life that are based on actual historical facts that you research. This auto-biography is due on 10/12.
- The war is now over, and the United States of America has been established. You must now explain to yourself and your fellow countrymen why you did what you did. Write an essay, to be published in a pamphlet for all of your friends and family to read, explaining why you made your decisions and took your actions; be sure to address the essential question in this essay. This will be peer-reviewed on 10/25.

Requirements: [\(click here for rubric\)](#)

- Your essay is to be double spaced, Times New Roman 12 font.
- 600 to 1000 words
- A works referenced list is to be included, although you do not need to include parenthetical citations in the essay itself.
- This essay is due to Mr. Federle on October 31, 2007. Mr. Buenaventura will grade for historical research, and Mr. Federle will grade for writing.