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2012 Founders' Day Essay

For Grades 9-12

Write a research-based essay or a journal entry of approximately 300-500 words, describing events surrounding or assuming the role of someone living during the French and Indian War.

Historical Context:

The French and Indian War was a war over imperialism and which country, England or France would control North America. Control of the St. Lawrence River was a major goal of both nations. On August 25, 1760 French forces surrendered at Fort Lévis on Chimney Island ending French resistance. The consequences of this war were devastating for Native American tribes and later led to the American Revolution.

Task:

Discuss how a young person living at the time might have reacted to the events of the day. You can also assume the role of a young person living at that time and write as though you yourself were living through it. Some suggested topics and ideas:

- Native Americans in the French and Indian War
- The life of François Picquet
- Living conditions at Fort de la Présentation
- The Battle at Fort Lévis
- A soldier's life or camp life
- Women's roles at this time in history and how they might have affected events

Guidelines:

- Address all aspects of the topic
- Incorporate historically accurate information and cite the sources
- Support your thesis with relevant facts and examples
- Use a logical and clear progression of events
- Introduce your thesis creatively, do more than just restate the topic
- Incorporate appropriate language
- Use appropriate spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar usage.

Essays should not exceed 3-5 pages of 12-point font, double-spaced using accepted documentation styles with a minimum of 3-5 sources for research papers.

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