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2012 Founders' Day Essay

For Grades 4-8

Using the format of an essay or a journal entry of approximately 250-300 words, assume the role of someone living during the French and Indian War.

Historical Context:

The French and Indian War was a war between England and France to decide which nation would control North America. Control of the St. Lawrence River was a major goal of both nations. August 25, 1760 French forces surrendered at Fort Lévis on Chimney Island ending French fighting. The consequences of this war changed the lives of Native Americans forever 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
- Use historically accurate information
- Support your theme with relevant facts and examples
- Use a logical and clear progression of events
- Introduce your theme creatively; do more than just restate the topic
- Use appropriate language
- Be attentive to spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar usage.
- Conclude your essay or journal entry with a summation of your theme

Essays should not exceed 2 pages of 12-point Times New Roman font, single spaced

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