## REVOLUTIONARY MEN: COMPARING AND CONTRASTING CHARACTER TRAITS

## Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Ben Franklin

## **TASK:**

- 1) Write an essay comparing and contrasting character traits of two revolutionary men.
- 2) Compare one of your character traits to a trait of at least one of the men that you have chosen to write about.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1) Annotate the directions.
- 2) Choose two revolutionary men that you wish to learn more about.
- 3) Read and annotate two of the magazines about two revolutionary men of your choice.
- **4)** As you are **reading and annotating**, think about the following questions:
  - Which two revolutionary men do you wish to analyze and write about?
  - What are traits that characterize these two revolutionary men?
  - What are some similar character traits that you and these men both possess?

- **5**) Decide on ONE or TWO traits that characterize one revolutionary man (Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, or Ben Franklin).
- **6)** Highlight four or five pieces of EVIDENCE (quotes and/or facts) that PROVES and supports the traits that you infer that represent this man.
- 7) Decide on ONE or TWO traits that characterize another revolutionary man (Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, or Ben Franklin).
- 8) Highlight four or five pieces of EVIDENCE (quotes and/or facts) that PROVES and supports the traits that you infer that represent this man.
- 9) Write an essay comparing and contrasting the character traits of two revolutionary men.
- **10**) Use evidence from the text to prove your inferences comparing and contrasting the character traits of these two revolutionary men.
- 11) Also, in one of your paragraphs, describe how you have a similar character trait of one of the revolutionary men.
- **12**) Be sure to have an introduction, at least three body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- 13) Use the RACEEECEEECEER Graphic Organizer to help you write the most informative essay that you are able.
- **14**) Use the RACEEECEEER Rubric to help you write the most informative essay that you are able.