

Generalization Reasoning Analysis Practice

Regardless of political party, gender, class, or race, Americans of the early republic (1780-1820) were strong believers in freedom. Alexander Hamilton and James Madison and others wrote a constitution that aimed to, “secure the blessings of liberty.” In a letter to her husband, Abigail Adams pleaded with John to, “remember the ladies. We, too, of a right ought to be free.” Daniel Shays justified his rebellion on the grounds that it was necessary for farmers “to be free from the bankers’ tyranny.” The slave poet Phyllis Wheatley appealed to King George III that, “a monarch’s smile can set his subjects free.”

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BHS social studies teachers are a good mix of experience and youth.

Sunderland, Rosecan and Butler have each been teaching for about 15 years.

On the other hand Culhane, Predaina and Goetschius are all in their first five years of teaching. This mix ensures that students get a good mix of cutting edge teaching techniques as well as the tried and true.

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After attending his Freshmen X-block for a quarter, Junior Mentor, Otto, concluded that BHS Freshmen are awesome.

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A survey conducted during x-block revealed that BHS students, regardless of gender, class or geographic home, are very supportive of the cell-phone policy.

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The *Boston Globe* conducted a survey of its readers. That survey revealed that Americans believe that the east coast is much more civilized & sophisticated than the west coast.

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***Cosmopolitan* magazine conducted a survey of its readers. That survey revealed that Americans believe that shoes are very important.**

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Having taught 3 sections of Foundations of America level 5 three years ago, 2 sections of Modern World History level 5 two years ago, and 2 sections of Modern American history level 5 last year, Mr. Sunderland has concluded that the BHS class of 2014 is passionate about history.

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Most of the original thirteen colonies were founded for religious reasons. Both the key founding groups of Massachusetts, the Pilgrims and Puritans, came to America for religious freedom. Indeed, Puritan leader, John Winthrop declared that the Puritans intended to be model Christian community in the New World; what he called “a city upon a hill.” While the Pilgrims & Puritans had some different beliefs, they both established very rigid communities that tolerated very little deviation from established beliefs. This caused some Massachusetts colonists to get into trouble with the religious & community leaders. Among these was Roger Williams who fled Massachusetts and established Rhode Island as a colony founded on the idea of religious tolerance as a form of religious freedom. A similar emphasis on religious tolerance could be found in Pennsylvania. There William Penn used his colonial charter to establish a “holy experiment”, founding Pennsylvania according to Quaker beliefs that valued respecting all people’s beliefs. Clearly, religion played a large role in the founding of the British American colonies.