

**U.S. HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT  
HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS  
DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008**



## I. Essay Test - Instructions

For the Regents' exam in U.S. History and Government, you are expected to complete a multiple-choice section and two essay sections. There is one thematic essay and one a document-based essay. You took the multiple-choice part of your test on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and now you must complete the essay portion of your test as homework. This essay is document-based. It is on pages 67 & 68 of your textbook *U.S. History and Government* by Peiser and Serber. If you do not have the textbook, see me as soon as possible. Give yourself plenty of time to do this assignment. It needs to be *at least* two pages long.

### Grading Information

This homework will count as two grades. If you complete the essay and the document based questions that accompany it, you will get a "complete" on your homework for the week (the equivalent of a 100%). **Your essay will be graded and scored as a test.** If you do not complete it, you will get a 0% on your test until you do complete it. I will count off for late essays - 10% for every day. If it is more than a week old, it will remain a 0%.

### Assignment

As mentioned above, you will find the documents and the task for this essay on pages 67-68 in *U.S. History and Government* by Peiser and Serber. I have copied the document questions below. Answer each question on this page and return it with your essay. Write your essay on loose-leaf paper. Your essay should be at least two pages in length. **Make sure you put your name and class on each page and number your pages.**

## II. Document Based Questions

**Document 1 - Question:** Why does Patrick Henry feel that the Articles of Confederation should not be replaced?

**Document 2 - Question:** Why does James Madison feel that the new constitution will better serve the people than the Articles of Confederation?

**Documents 3 - Question:** What dangers does Benjamin Franklin feel exist in any form of government?

## III. Task

Complete the task described in *U.S. History and Government* on page 68 on loose-leaf paper. Make sure you understand all aspects of the prompt and answer it completely. It should be at least two pages in length. (FYI - Most top scoring essays on the Regents' are in the three-page range.)