

## **Take Home Essay Exam**

Please answer the following question in a well-organized, thoughtful and original essay.

How did the ideas of the Enlightenment influence the American Revolution and the formation of the American Government?

Please include references to specific philosophers, documents and information and **REMEMBER THIS WILL COUNT AS AN EXAM GRADE.**

Your essay must:

- Be typed
- 12 pt font
- double-spaced
- no more than 1” margins
- a title
- Your name
- The date the assignment is due

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FOR MY GRADING CRITERIA!**

## ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: World History II \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: Ms. Runkle \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Criteria</b>				<b>Value</b>
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<b>Thesis Statement</b>	Thesis statement is clearly stated, detailed and supported throughout the entire essay.	Thesis statement is clearly stated, detailed and supported throughout most of the essay.	Attempt is made to include a thesis statement without sufficient support throughout the essay.	No thesis statement is present.	
<b>Content Knowledge</b>	Clearly communicated answer to the question and demonstrates exemplary knowledge of the content.	Consistently communicated answer to the question and demonstrates satisfactory knowledge of the content.	Communicates a basic answer to the question and demonstrates minimal knowledge of the content.	Ineffectively communicates answer to the question and demonstrates limited knowledge of the content.	—
<b>Conclusions Reached</b>	Student demonstrates full knowledge (more than required) with explanations and elaboration.	Student is at ease with content, but fails to elaborate.	Student is uncomfortable with information and is able to completely answer the question.	Student does not have grasp of information; student cannot answer question.	—
<b>Supporting Details</b>	All conclusions drawn are supported with specific detail, explained and properly identified.	Most conclusions drawn are supported with specific detail, explained and properly identified.	Some conclusions drawn are supported with detail and minimally explained.	One or few conclusions drawn are supported with detail, and little or no explanation is given.	—
<b>Organization Of Thought</b>	Work is clearly organized and easy for the reader to follow.	Work demonstrates some organization and is readable.	Disorganized approach to the question with major obstacles to the reader's comprehension.	Lack organization of thought and reader cannot comprehend.	—
<b>Communication</b>	The final body of work was free of grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.	The final body of work had 1 error related to either grammar, spelling and formatting errors.	The final body of work had 3-5 grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.	The final body of work had major grammar, spelling, and formatting errors.	—
				<b>Total:-----</b>	—

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