

What Would You Save? U.S. History

Name☺ _____ Date☺ _____ Hour☺ _____

After discussing Dolley Madison and her attempt to save important symbols of the United States, decide on a symbol from your household that represents your family. Using your Chrome Book, you will need to type and print an essay in which you:

- ✓ **Title the essay**
- ✓ **Introduce the item that symbolizes your family.**
- ✓ **Describe its importance and explain why it was your duty to save this item.**
- ✓ **Make reference to how this essay relates to the War of 1812, the Burning of Washington, and what Dolley Madison did (use specific historical information)**
- ✓ **Include a hand drawn picture of the item.**
- ✓ **Essay should be done in MLA Format**
- ✓ **At least two paragraphs**

Paragraph Rubric:

	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
Organization	Paragraph(s) are very well-organized, with topic sentence, at least three supporting sentences, and insightful conclusion	Paragraph(s) are well-organized, with topic sentence, at least three supporting sentences, and a conclusion	Paragraph(s) are adequately organized with topic sentence, at least two supporting sentences, and conclusion	Paragraph(s) are poorly organized; few detail sentences; no topic sentence or no conclusion	Organization unclear; no topic sentence; no more than two detail sentences; no conclusion
Content	Content is well thought out with accurate content information that supports the writers thesis	Content is accurate and supports the writers thesis	Content is not well thought out with inaccurate content information that may or may not support the writers thesis	Content is inaccurate and does not support the writers thesis	Lack of any content that supports the writers thesis
Word Choice	Effective and specific verbs and nouns engage the reader; writing flows smoothly	Specific verbs and nouns are used frequently; writing flows smoothly most of the time	Specific verbs and nouns are used occasionally; writing flows smoothly at times	Several overused verbs and nouns; writing does not flow smoothly throughout	Verbs and nouns are uninteresting; writing does not flow smoothly
Conventions	Capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are correct	No more than two errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation	No more than three errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation	No more than five errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation	Multiple errors in spelling, capitalization, and/or punctuation

