



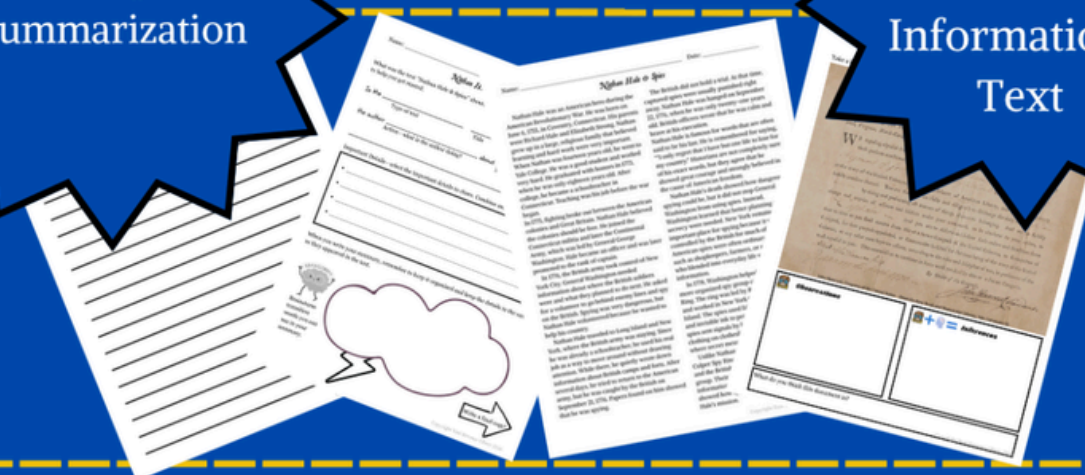
NYS Social Studies Framework
4.3d Colonial and Revolutionary Period in NY

NATHAN HALE & SPIES



ELA Integrated
Summarization

Primary
Source &
Informational
Text



Lesson:

Materials:

Included with download:

- Commission of Nathan Hale, captioned by Colonel Charles Webb. Signed by Nathan Hale.
- "Nathan Hale & Spies" informational text.
- "Nathan Hale & Spies - Summary" one is lined paper to write the summary.

Online:

- Link to: Commission of Nathan Hale, captioned by Colonel Charles Webb. https://commons.wikimedia.org/File:Nathan_Hale_commission.jpg

Anticipatory Set:

Students who enjoy spy novels or movies may find this activity needed during a lesson on the American Revolution.

Body:

From the introduction, students learn that this document is a commission, and that this document is a commission.

Next, have students read the informational text. After reading, work with students to complete the organizer, then have students use the organizer to write a summary.

Closure: Have students share out the summary.

Formative Assessment: Written summary.

Nathan Hale & Spies



NYS Framework:

4.3d Growing conflicts between England and the 13 colonies over issues of political and economic rights led to the American Revolution. New York played a significant role during the Revolution in part due to its geographic location.

- Students will examine New York's geographic location relative to the other colonies...

New York State Next Gen ELA Standards:

4.1 Locate and refer to relevant details and evidence when explaining what a text says.

Full Lesson Plan

Liberty's Kids Connection: Episode 116, One Life to Lose. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGEtp2Sh80Y>

Suggested Children's Books:

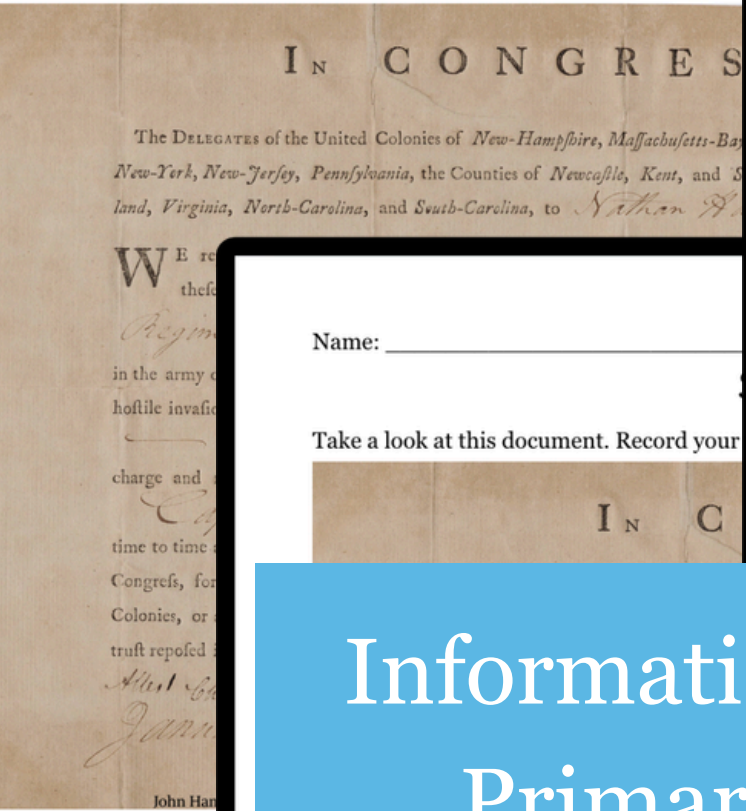
- *Redcoats and Petticoats* by Katherine Kirkpatrick
- *Toliver's Secret* by Esther Wood Brady
- *The Scarlet Stockings Spy* by Trinka Hakes Noble
- *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy* by Nathan Hale (yes, that is the author's name). This book is a part of a series.

NYS SS Framework 4.3d

Name: KEY - Possible Answers Date: _____

Nathan Hale

Take a look at this document. Record your observations and inferences below.

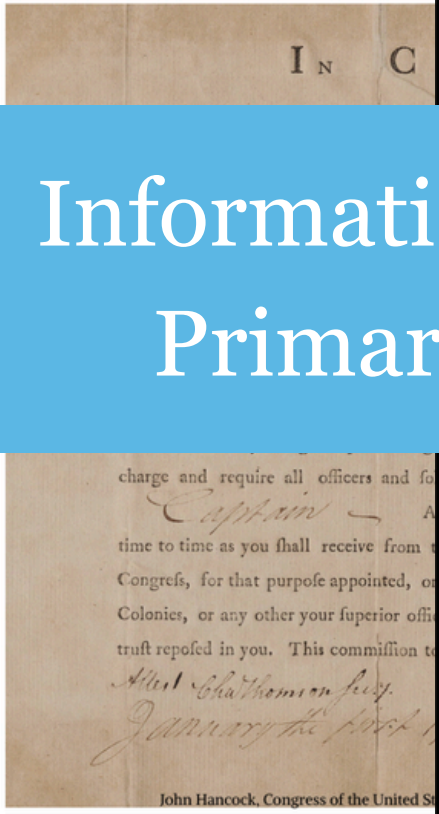


- Observations**
- the date on the document
 - it is signed by John Hancock
 - it says, "In Congress"
 - some of it is typed and some is handwritten
 - Nathan Hale's name is written in the document
 - it says this is an order
 - it says that Nathan Hale is a Captain in the 11th Regiment

What do you think this document is?
I think this document is a letter from John Hancock to Nathan Hale.

Name: _____

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Observations

What do you think this document is?

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Nathan Hale & Spies

Nathan Hale was an American hero during the American Revolutionary War. He was born on June 6, 1755, in Coventry, Connecticut. His parents were Richard Hale and Elizabeth Strong. Nathan grew up in a large, religious family that believed learning and hard work were very important. When Nathan was fourteen years old, he went to Yale College. He was a good student and worked very hard. He graduated with honors in 1773, when he was only eighteen years old. After college, he became a schoolteacher in Connecticut. Teaching was his job before the war began.

Nathan Hale traveled to Long Island and New York, where the British army was staying. Since he was already a schoolteacher, he used his real job as a way to move around without drawing attention. While there, he quietly wrote down information about British camps and forts. After several days, he tried to return to the American army, but he was caught by the British on September 21, 1776. Papers found on him showed that he was spying.

The British did not know about the captured spies were away. Nathan Hale was captured on September 22, 1776, when he was on a mission. British officers were brave at his execution. Nathan Hale is famous for his last words: "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country." His words showed great courage and the cause of American independence. Nathan Hale's death was a turning point in the war. Spying could be, but Washington from the British. Washington learned that spies were needed. Spies were an important place for the British. American spies were such as shopkeepers who blended into the crowd. In 1778, Washington's army was more organized than the British. The spies used invisible ink to send signals by clothing on clothes where secret messages were hidden. Unlike Nathan Hale, the Culper Spy Ring was a group. Their work showed how spying had improved since Nathan Hale's mission.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Nathan Hale & Spies - Summarize!

What was the text "Nathan Hale & Spies" about? Let's summarize. Use the prompts and organizer below to help you get started.

In the article Nathan Hale & Spies,
Type of text Title
the author explains the spy Nathan Hale's work,
Action - what is the author doing? Main idea
how he was caught and other spies during the Revolutionary War.

Important Details -

- The British
- School teacher
- "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."
- Washington
- The spies were not discovered

When you write your summary, remember to keep it organized and keep the details in the same order as they appeared in the text.

BRAINSTORM
Brainstorm transition words and phrases you can use in your summary.

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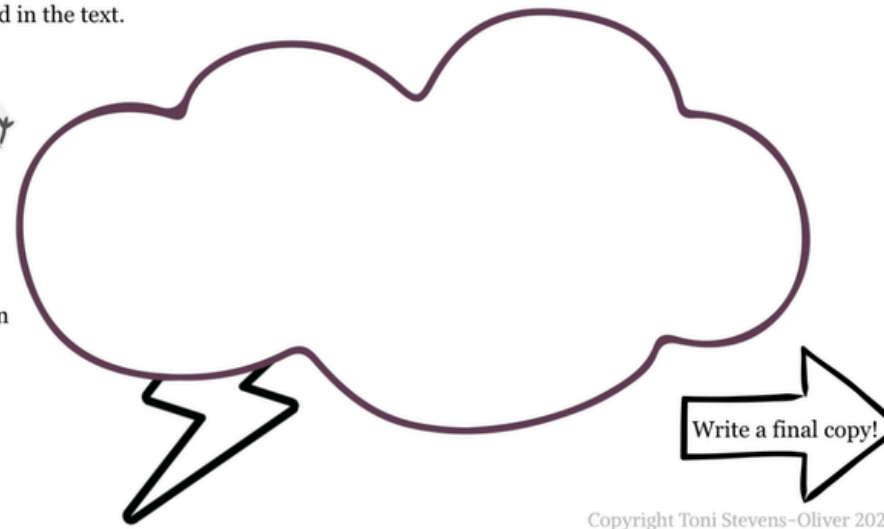
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Type of text
the author _____
Action -

Important Details -

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Summarizing Graphic Organizer

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