

Forge Journal Assignment

Grade 8

Your Assignment:

You will write a multi-paragraph journal entry from a soldier's point of view where you describe the hardships that American soldiers faced at Valley Forge. You must include information from what you learned reading *Forge* to give readers as many details as possible about what the winter of 1777-1778 was like. You can choose any date you'd like from that winter, and create a fictional name for your soldier, or write it from the perspective of a character in *Forge*.

Your journal entry will be graded on the following:

- **Accuracy and Strength of Content:**
 - How well did you incorporate information from the book into your journal entry?
 - Did you present enough historical details and fully describe different aspects of the day?
 - Did you include sensory information to give your reader a vivid sense of what it was like to live through this experience?
- **Organization:**
 - Is your journal organized clearly?
 - Were the events you described presented sequentially?
- **Conventions:**
 - How well did you follow the rules of grammar usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling?

Requirements:

- Dated in the winter of 1777-1778
- From a created character or one from the book
- 3 paragraphs with at least 4 sentences in each
- Shows a clear understanding of life at Valley Forge
- Correct grammar & spelling