

Inquiry Design Model (IDM) Blueprint™

	How does a person become a traitor?	
	4.3d, 7.3d, 11.2b Gathering, Interpreting and Using Evidence Chronological Reasoning	
	Read aloud “Treason of the Blackest Dye...” Discuss: What is treason? What was the attitude toward treason in the 18 th century?	
What was Major John Andre doing near Tarrytown on September 23, 1780?	How did Benedict Arnold feel about his experience in the Continental Army?	Based on the evidence, was Benedict Arnold guilty of treason?
Andre’s Boot: Analyze the documents found in Andre’s boot. Share the evidence with members of the group. Determine what Andre was doing near Tarrytown, NY on September 23, 1780.	Read and analyze the letter from Benedict Arnold to Colonel Varick. Read for tone and content. Generalize about Arnold’s overall attitude toward his service in the Continental Army using evidence from the letter.	Corroborate the Evidence. Determine if Arnold was guilty of treason and list the evidence that supports your conclusion.
Artillery Orders and Estimate of forces at West Point Pass for John Anderson Estimate of Men Necessary to Man the Works at West Point	Letter. Benedict Arnold to Colonel Varick about Rewarding for Merit, October 30, 1776	Notes from analysis of the documents in Andre’s boot and the letter from Arnold to Varick, 1776
		Write an argumentative essay describing Arnold’s path to treason and determine whether or not he was justified in his decision to help the British.
		Consider what may have happened if Andre had not been caught in 1780.
	Choose a current event topic. Find at least two sources supporting each side of the issue. Analyze each source for reliability and validity. Which side appears to have the strongest argument? Why?	

America than to see the rapid progress made by the Troops in Military Discipline. The good conduct of all ^{the} Officers yesterday gave the General the highest satisfaction, and the particular service of the Inspector General, and those in that line deserve his particular thanks. —

Treason of the Blackest

Ayl was yesterday discovered, General Arnold who commanded at West Point, lost to every sentiment of honor of private & public obligation, was about to deliver that important post into the hands of the Enemy, such an event would have given the American cause a deadly wound, if not a fatal stab, happily the Treason has been timely discovered to prevent the fatal misfortune, the providential train of circumstances which lead to it, affords the most convincing proof that the Liberties of America is the object

of the Divine Protection, at the same time the Siege
is to be rejected. The General cannot help congratulating the Army on the happy discovery, our Enemies despairing of carrying their point by force, they are practicing every base art to effect by bribery and corruption what they cannot accomplish in a manly way. Great honor is due to the American Army, this is the first instance of Treason of the kind where many were to be expected from the nature of the dispute, and nothing is so bright an ornament in the character of the American Soldiers as they having been proof against all the Arts and seductions of an Assiduous Enemy.

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Hartford, and is no doubt taking the proper mea-
sures to unravel this so Hellish a plot. —

The General Court Martial
whereof Col. H. Jackson is president will sit
tomorrow at 9 o'clock, Major Ball is appoint-
ed member vice Major Tabert absent, A

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Artillery Orders

W^h Post Sept. 5th 1790

The following Disposition of the Corps is to take place in Case of an Alarm

— Capt. Dannels with his Company and to Fort Putnam and to Detach an Officer with 12 Men to Wyllie's Redoubt, a New Commissioned Officer with 3 Men to Wells Redoubt, and the like Number to Redoubt N^o 4. —

— Captain Thomas & Company to repair to Fort Arnold,

— Capt. Simmons and Company to remain at the North and South Redoubts, at the East Side of the River, until further Orders.

Lieut. Barber with 20 Men of Capt. Jackson's Company will repair to Constitution Island; the remainder of the Company with Lieut. Mason will repair to Fort Arnold.

— Capt. Lieut. George & Lieut. White with 20 Men of Capt. Treadwell's Company, will repair to Redoubt N^o 1 & 2, the remainder of the Company will be sent to Fort Arnold,

— Late Jones's Company with Lieut. Fitch to repair to the South Battery.

— The Chain Battery the same Redoubt, and the Boys Field pieces will be Manned from Fort Arnold as Direction may require.

— The Commissary and Conductor of Military Stores will in turn wait upon the Commanding Officer of Artillery for Orders

— The Artillery in the Garrison, payable to former Orders will repair to Fort Arnold, and then receive further Orders from the Command^g Officer of Artillery
J. Blount Major Comm. Artillery

West Point Sept 5, 1780

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Estimate of the Forces at W^o Point and its dependences
 Sep^r 13th 1780

A Brigade of Massachusetts Militia & two Regiments of ^{Ranch & file}
 New Hampshire Indian of 166 Battalions Men at } 992
 Vespers & Stony Point.

On Command & other Service at Fort Hills New
 Windsor &c &c who may be called in occasionally } 852

3 Regiments of Connecticut Militia under the Com^d
 of Colonel Wells on the lines near N^o Castle } 458

a Detachment of N^o York Lines on the lines } 115
 Militia } 2447

Colonel Lamb's Regiment 167

Colonel Livingston at Vespers & Stony ^{Ph}80 Continent 247

Colonel Sheldons Dragoons on the
 lines about one half Mounted } 442

Battalions Men and Artificers 250

Total 3,086

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A Brigade of Masachusets Militia & two Regiments of Rank & file

New Hampshire Inclusion of 166 Batteaux Men at Verplanks & Stoney Points }	992
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On Command & Extra Services at Fish Kills New

Windsor etc. who may be called in [illegible] }	852
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Of Colonel Wells on the lines near No[rth] Castle }	458
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A Detachment of New York Levies on the lines	115
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Militia	2447
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Colonel Livingston at Verplank & Stony Pt.	80	& Continental	247
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Colonel Sheldons Dragoons on the

lines, about one half Mounted }	142
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Batteaux Men and Artificers	250
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Tionderoga Oct. 30th 1776

My Dear Colonel


Your agreeable favour of the 17th
I received, the 20th since which, every moment of my
Time has been engrossed, in preparing for the Enemy
whom, we have daily expected, you will excuse my
Not. answering you sooner — I am, very happy
to find Congress, have rewarded, your, long. Services
with an Appointment, agreeable to you, I heartily
wish they were more careful in rewarding Merit,
& Merit only. — I am much obliged to you
for the Concern, you express for me, Thank God
I am, heartily, & almost recovered from my Violent
Fatigue — which exercise has contributed much
to, we are obliged to be very Alert, & Vigilant, much
was to be done when, I returned, very few Guns were
mounted, the Works, far from being completed,
the People have been exceedingly Industrious, we
are now, in a Condition to meet the Enemy, who
I make no Doubt will be here the first fair wind

Two days since a large Party came
within three miles of us to reconnoitre, & sound
the Channel, — a Boom of large logs is
laid across the Lake, & a Bridge from Ty, to
M^t Independence, — upwards of one Thousand
Militia have Arriv'd, & are daily coming.
In, I hope we shall soon have the pleasure
seeing you here, the Season grows over the
Campaign must be shorten I hope & bel
It will be prosperous —

Please to make my respects
Compl^t to Gen^l. Schuyler, & the Ladies

I am D^r Sir

Your affectionate Son
& Humble Serv^t.

B Arnold


Colonel Vanick

Ticonderoga Oct. 30th 1776

My Dear Colonel

Your agreeable favour of the 17th received the 20th, since which every moment of my time has been engrossed in preparing for the Enemy whom we have daily expected, you will excuse my not answering you sooner. I am, very happy to find Congress have rewarded your long Services with an appointment, agreeable to you, I heartily wish they were more careful in rewarding merit, & merit only. I am much obliged to you for the Concern you express for me, thank God I am hearty & almost recovered from any Violent Fatigue—which exercise has contributed much to[. W]e are obliged to be very Alert & Vigilant[. M]uch was to be done[. W]hen I returned, very few Guns were mounted, the work far from being compleated[. T]he people have been exceedingly Industrious[. W]e are now in a Condition to meet the Enemy, who I make no Doubt will be here the first fair wind.

Two days since a large Party came within three miles of us to reconnoitre & Sound the Channel. A Boom of large logs is laid across the Lake, & a Bridge from Ty to Mt. Independence. Upwards of one thousand Militia have arrived & are daily coming In. I hope we shall soon have the pleasure seeing you here[. T]he season grows severe the Campaign must be short. I hope & bet It will be prosperous.

Please to make my [illegible] Compliments to Genl. Schuyler & the Ladies.

I am Dear Sir

Your affectionate Friend]

& Humble Servant]

B. Arnold

N.B. Some punctuation has been added or removed to enhance clarity.

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Annals of
John Anderson
22 Sept 1780

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Head Quarters Robinsons
Horn Sep^r 22. 1720

Permit Mr. John Anderson to pass the
Ground to the White Plains, or below, if the
Churo. He being on Publick Business by my
Permission

B. Arnold M^gstr

Head Quarters Robinsons

House Sep. 22 1780

Permit Mr. John Anderson to pass the Guards to the White Plains, or below, if He
Chuses, He being on Public Business by my Direction.

B. Arnold M Genl

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER FOR COMPARING PERSPECTIVES

	Document 1	Document 2	Document 3	Document 4
Title/Type				
Date				
Author/Speaker				
Intended Audience				
Purpose				
Perspective				
Tone				
Reliability Rating 1-10				
Differences/Similarities to the other documents				

Primary Source Analysis

Describing the Historical Record

Type of Record:	Date of Record:	Creator of Record:	Physical Appearance of Record:

Analyzing the Historical Record

What specific information does this record provide?
Why was this record created?
Why was this record saved?

Interpreting the Historical Record

What does this record say about American life during this time period?