

HIST 121-041 N UNITED STATES HISTORY I: PAPER

Requirements: Write a 4-6 page paper. The paper should be typed and double-spaced. Your paper should have 12-point font, Times New Roman, and 1-inch margins on all sides. This paper should answer the following question:

Question: Choose just **ONE** of the three questions to answer:

(1) The Whiskey Rebellion (1791-1794) was a dramatic event in early American history that nearly destroyed the union of the country. What caused the Whiskey Rebellion to happen? What occurred during the event? How did that event get resolved before catastrophe occurred? Be very specific and detailed with each response. *Is there any particular person or persons who stood out as heroes in resolving that event? How?* (Note: the italics question is your opinion based on your research about this event. Make certain that you keep your response in third person however.)

(2) The Hartford Convention (1814-1815) was a bizarre chapter in early American history where some New England delegates proposed a secession of the entire New England region from the United States. What led up to the Hartford Convention in which several New Englanders were calling for secession? What was happening politically in the country that had fed up a number of influential New Englanders? Be specific about the changing politics of the time. What happened at the convention? Who were the key players involved in the debates at the convention? *Is there any particular person or persons who stood out as heroes in resolving that event? How?* (Note: the italics question is your opinion based on your research about this event. Make certain that you keep your response in third person however.)

(3) From 1839-1841, one of the biggest legal battles in the United States involved the fate of slaves who had killed their slaveholders while on board a Spanish slave ship called *La Amistad*. After taking over the ship, the ship went off course and landed in American waters. The slaves were then placed in American custody. Provide the necessary background information for what the legal challenges were for the slaves in the Amistad case. What was the outcome in each of their legal battles in federal court? How did this case become a national story? What was the impact of the final decision in that case? Be specific.

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