

Who is celebrating and how?

GROUP D • EXPERT GROUP

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

KEY ISSUE

Why is the organisation of America's 250th anniversary more complex and politically divided than it initially appears?

1 • READ & SELECT KEY INFORMATION

Your focus: WHAT IS AT STAKE. Read your group's separate extract. Select essential information and reformulate it in concise English notes. Keep claims distinct from established facts.

Funding

Oversight

Ethical and political concerns

Prepare to report

Write one sentence explaining what your extract contributes to the key issue. Be ready to explain your notes to classmates who have not read it.

2 • SHARE YOUR NOTES • MIXED GROUP ABCD

Form a group with one expert from A, B, C and D. Each expert explains their findings. Everyone completes all four sections below. Ask for clarification before moving on.

GROUP A • FROM CONFUSION TO CONTROVERSY

The two organisations / Trigger for controversy / Competing claims

GROUP B • AMERICA250

Origin / Bipartisan leadership / Civic model of celebration

GROUP C • FREEDOM 250

Origin / Political connections / Patriotic model of celebration

GROUP D • WHAT IS AT STAKE

Funding / Oversight / Ethical and political concerns

3 • SYNTHESISE • MIXED GROUP ABCD

Why is the organisation of America’s 250th anniversary more complex and politically divided than it initially appears?

A • Compare the two organisations

Compare their origins, leadership, celebration models and accountability. Identify similarities as well as differences.

B • Explain the tensions

How do the artists’ withdrawal and the concerns about funding challenge the promise of a nonpartisan celebration? Connect information from different extracts.

C • Write your group synthesis

Answer the key issue in a coherent paragraph. Combine the four extracts, organise ideas logically and use your own words. Avoid four separate mini-summaries.

4 • HOMEWORK • CONTRACT

Complete both steps individually at home, using your notes and the group synthesis. Submit both versions with their word counts.

Step 1 • 80 words, ±10% (72–88 words)

Condense the article into a coherent summary that answers the key issue. Include the two organisations, the controversy over political involvement, and the concerns about funding and oversight. Select and reformulate; omit secondary examples.

Word count: _____

Step 2 • 45 words, ±5 words (40–50 words)

Contract your first summary further. Retain the central contrast and the main tensions while removing less essential detail. The shorter version must remain clear and coherent.

Word count: _____

Final check

■ I have respected both word limits. ■ I have used my own words. ■ I have linked ideas logically. ■ I have added no personal opinion or outside information.