Origins Newspaper

The founding fathers that came together to create the American Constitution were not only motivated by the events of their day, but also by the history and literature that was fresh in their minds from the books they read to the values they held.

Your task is to create a professional looking and informative newspaper that explains the ideas and impact of each person, document, and event listed below.

**Part 1: 4 Obituaries**

You will write an obituary for each of the following people:

* John Locke
* Thomas Hobbes
* Jean-Jacques Rousseau
* Montesquieu

Obituary Format:

1. Picture of the Individual
2. Name, Age, Residence, died (passed away, went to heaven, etc.), Date, & Cause of Death
3. He was born (place, date of birth), received a degree from, and he was married to (spouse’s name)
4. Biographical Information: Employment History and Accomplishments they are known for
5. Quote from the Individual and an explanation of what that quote means
6. Funeral arrangements will be held TIME, DATE and PLACE.

*Scoring for obituaries section:*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2 Picture (1)*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2 Life/Death Details (2,3,6)*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/4 Biographical Information & Quote*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/32 Total Points (8 points per person – 4 people)*

**Part 2: Literature Reviews**

You will write a review for each of the following:

* Magna Carta
* English Bill of Rights
* Mayflower Compact
* Articles of Confederation
* The Federalist Papers

Literature Review Needs to Include:

1. In this section, you are to examine each of the important documents above.
2. Identify the ideas within these documents that were literally copied into the constitution or the ideas that inspired and motivated the creation and changes of the American Constitution.
3. Relevant Pictures

*Scoring for Literature Review Section*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3 Ideas borrowed from, contributed to, and/or were used to create the US Constitution*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2 Relevant Picture*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25 Total Points (6 points per review – 4 documents)*

**Part 3: Events**

News Stories that you will report on

* The Enlightenment
* The Revolutionary War
* Shay’s Rebellion
* The Constitutional Convention

News Story Needs to Include:

1. A summary of the event
2. An explanation of how the event led to the creation of the US Constitution
3. A picture relevant to the event

*Scoring for News Stories*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2 Summary of the Event*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3 Connection to how the event led to the US Constitution*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2 Picture*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/28 Total Points (8 points per story – 4 stories)*

**Part 4: Layout**

Your project should be laid out in a newspaper format. Including at least the following.

1) Columns

2) Date

3) Title

*Scoring for Layout*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 General Layout*

*TOTAL POINTS SCORED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/95 points*