



## Summer Assignment U.S. History 6/7th Grades

**Academic Integrity:** All work should be completed independently and without the assistance of unapproved resources. Any work violating academic integrity will be subject to a “0” and any additional consequences as outlined in the Knox Academic Integrity Policy attached to this assignment.

**Due Date:** Your work is due the first day of your 6/7 US History class. All late work will be subjected to a grade reduction or penalty as outlined in the course syllabus and copied below:

*All major assignments not submitted on the due date will face a 10% deduction of max points per day for up to five (5) days and up to a 50% deduction.*

*Summer Assignments for AP Classes that are not submitted on time will result in the student being dropped from the course.*

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this assignment, please contact the History Department Chair, Mrs. Mandia, at [kmandia@knoxschool.org](mailto:kmandia@knoxschool.org) or the Dean of Academics, Mrs. Pergola, at [dpergola@knoxschool.org](mailto:dpergola@knoxschool.org).

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### The Culper Spy Ring



**Historical Context:** The year is 1776. The Revolutionary War has taken the colonies by storm. Following the Battle of Brooklyn, the Continental Army had been forced to retreat and **morale** (spirit of the army) was running dangerously low. General George Washington realized that it would not be possible to defeat the British with military force. Instead, the patriot forces needed to develop a new

method to counter the might of the British empire. As a result, this decision would give birth to the infamous Long Island Spy Ring.

**Directions:** As a spymaster, choose one of the following options below. One option will have you create your own coded message. The other option will have you decode a British military document that you have located during one of your spy missions.

Option 1: Coded Message

“General Cornwallis will be moving troops to Trenton, New Jersey to assist the regiment stationed there. General Clinton’s troops are moving from Boston to Lexington and Concord.”

\*When creating your code, ***make sure to come up with a key.*** (For example, A=1, B=2)  
You can use numbers, symbols, code-words.

Option 2: Decode British military document

“1-20-20-1-3-11, 15-14, 13-1-14-8-1-20-20-1-14,  
23-9-12-12, 7-15, 1-19, 16-12-1-14-14-5-4.  
8-5-19-19-9-1-14, 20-18-15-15-16-19, 23-9-12-12,  
15-3-3-21-16-25, 15-25-19-20-5-18, 2-1-25.”