

Hamilton Builds a Nation

Read about Alexander Hamilton's work after the American Revolution.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the three sentences that tell what Alexander Hamilton did after the war to help the new United States.

Alexander Hamilton's Ideas

- ① Alexander Hamilton was born on the Caribbean island of Nevis. As a young man, he moved to New York. He liked reading and writing. When war began between Britain and the colonies, Hamilton joined the American fight.
- ② During the war, General George Washington chose Hamilton as an aide. Hamilton carried messages and helped Washington plan. After the war, the new United States needed to pay money it owed. Hamilton made a plan for this problem.
- ③ Hamilton helped create a national bank. The bank held the government's money. He also worked to make the national government stronger. People still study Hamilton because his ideas helped the new country.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 What problem did the new United States have after the war, and what did Hamilton do about it?

- 2 What did the national bank hold?

- 3 Name the three ways Hamilton helped the new United States after the war.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a two-sentence museum label about Alexander Hamilton. Tell two different ways he helped after the war, and explain why one of them mattered.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the three sentences that tell what Alexander Hamilton did after the war to help the new United States. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What problem did the new United States have after the war, and what did Hamilton do about it?	The United States owed money. Hamilton made a plan for this problem.
2	What did the national bank hold?	It held the government's money.
3	Name the three ways Hamilton helped the new United States after the war.	He made a plan to help the country pay money it owed, helped create a national bank, and worked to make the national government stronger.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Alexander Hamilton made a plan to help the United States pay money it owed, and he helped create a national bank. The bank mattered because it held the government's money.

Accept the three after-war actions stated in the passage: making a debt plan, helping create a national bank, and working for a stronger national government. For the museum label, accept two accurate actions and a reasonable explanation of why one action mattered.