Pima Community College
East Campus

Video/DVD Assignment
"Founding Fathers: Rebels with a Cause"
Volume 1, Part 1 (Disc 1)
The History Channel, 2000

Please answer each question with a short analytical essay. A short essay is approximately 2 to 4 paragraphs. You must support your conclusions with information pulled from the documentary to properly answer each question. The essay must be typed on a word-processor, on white paper, font 11 pt Arial or similar, 1 inch margins, name/ date/reading/class as the top header.

Please type the question and then the answer to the question. Please number your questions. Do not double-space your answers.

Other questions and a short introduction to the contents of the documentary can be found at http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/guides.html.

Questions:

1. Based on the documentary who was Samuel Adams? How could he be used as an example of the American Revolution being based on a “deeply personal animosity and hatred?”

2. What makes John Hancock an “unusual” revolutionary? Why does he become a supporter of independence? Why would someone such as John Hancock represent a special problem for the British in their attempt to regain colonial control?

3. How are the “Son’s of liberty” portrayed by the documentary? What sets them apart from being merely unruly rebels - terrorists?

4. How does the documentary portray the Boston Massacre and Boston Tea Party? Where rebel actions and British reactions justifiable?