

Analyzing an Essay (Lesson 2)

Important Phrases

Which phrases or sentences are the most informative and important in this scholarly essay?

Choose three and give the reason for your choice.

Phrase 1:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 2:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 3:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Summary Organizer #1: Excerpts from "The Apology of the Paxton Volunteers"

Original Text

We have long been convinced from sufficient evidence that the Indians that lived as independent commonwealths among us or near our borders were our most dangerous enemies, both in the last and present war, although they still pretend to be our friends . . . as they murdered our inhabitants, led them into captivity, were guides to other Indians, reported our weak and defenceless state to the French together with all our motions and dispositions against them; and at the same time wearing the cloak of friendship, they could readily obtain provisions, ammuniton and warlike implements to convey to our enemies. Their well-known claim to freedom and independency put it in their power to harbor spies and give intelligence. They have ever asserted and exercised the right of making war and peace as independent nations, never came under our laws, nor acknowledged subjection to our king and government; but they always governed themselves by their own customs, and exercised the power of life and death over their own people. . . . Mournful experience has convinced us that no nation could be safe especially in a time of war, if another state or part of a state be allowed to live among them, free and independent, claiming and exercising within themselves all the powers of government ,the powers of making war and peace, harboring and corresponding with the enemies of the state wherein they live, receiving their spies, giving them intelligence, and furnishing them with the means of support and implements of war. No such privilege has been granted to any commonwealth in any civilized nation in the world. But this had been allowed to Indians amongst us, and we justly complain of it as the source of many of our calamities; as they have all proved perfidious.

Key Words

Summary:

In Your Own Words:
