

Student Worksheet 3. Team: Commanders of Supplies and Equipment

Learning skills: Math calculations: multiplication, addition, budget planning and writing.

Team: Commanders of Supplies and Equipment

Your assignment:

You are responsible for gathering the necessary supplies needed to maintain a camp of 2000 soldiers and 200 civilians (women and children. You faced many obstacles like inclement weather or the Continental Congress slow response to provide financial support. Your supply needs include food, clothing, building materials, weapons, medical supplies, tools for building.

Your tasks:

- Based on today's prices, prepare a budget for the purchase of supplies and equipment. Visit local hardware stores (tools), grocers (fresh and canned foods), and pharmacies (first-aid supplies) to determine costs.
- Prepare a letter to George Washington and the Continental Congress requesting financial support to purchase supplies. Describe what is needed, the cost, and the urgency of your request.
- Prepare a chart illustrating what type of uniform and personal equipment a foot soldier will have compared to an officer as a way to advertise to potential soldiers what they will need to provide for themselves (clothing, weapons, personal items, etc.)
- Research the Valley Forge National Historical Park web site at www.nps.gov/history/museum/vafo and www.nps.gov/vafo for additional information to accomplish your task.