HOW TO WRITE YOUR FIRST QUARTER PAPER

Start with your THESIS.  You want to say in your own words, that while many people believe the American Revolution began in the 1770's, John Adams says the Revolution began in the hearts and minds of the colonists LONG before the War began. Tell your reader how you are going to support Adam's statement. Tell them  that you will analyze three actions of the British Government and what documents you will use to support your argument.

Next, explain the Proclamation of 1763. What was the history behind it? Tell about Pontiac's Rebellion and the perceived need to separate the colonists and Native Americans. Is there an excerpt from the Proclamation that is a  particularly good representation of its meaning?

How did the colonists react to the Proclamation? How do you know this? Describe George Washington's letter to William Crawford. What is it about Washington's letter that makes you think it is representative of people in the colonies? Give and excerpt from the letter that supports your analysis. Finally, write a sentence or two that ties all the information about the Proclamation to your thesis.

Now, explain the Sugar Act. What kind of tax was it, Direct or indirect? Whats the difference? Who is most upset by an indirect tax? Why?  signal to your reader that you are going to provide an historical example with a phrase like" as evidence of this..." Tell about Samuel Adam's Report to the Massachusetts Legislature. Give an excerpt that brings it to life. explain what the real and philosophical reasons of Sam Adam's objections. And of course, tie all your information about the Sugar Act to your thesis.

Explain the Stamp Act. Is it a direct or indirect Tax and who is affected most by it. What is the reaction of the average colonist in the street (literally). What Evidence do you have to prove this? Introduce your reader to Hinshelwood's letter.

describe the letter and give an excerpt. How does this support your idea that the Revolution began long before he War started?

Finally, you need to conclude by tying all of your ideas together. bring us back to your thesis, but don't restate it. Don't bring in any more evidence in your conclusion. Just discuss what you've shown the reader and what it all means.

Remember to CITE YOUR SOURCES on a works cited page!

YOU'RE DONE!!!