



MUSEUM OF EARLY
TRADES & CRAFTS

The American Revolution in New Jersey

POST-LESSON ACTIVITY

Exploring the lives of your characters

Have each of your students present their character and something from their diary entry. Discuss as a class (or in small groups) how these characters might interact for the rest of the war. Then, have each student write a second diary entry for shortly after the end of the American Revolution, addressing the following questions and anything else they feel is important:

- How did the war change their lives?
- Has anything changed about their day-to-day activities?
- Did their view of the war change from 1775 to 1783?

Discuss both sets of entries and look for trends. Did all the students belonging to a certain group respond in a similar way? What other factors played a role in how each individual experienced the war?

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact the METC Education Department at 973-377-2982, x12 or education@metc.org