

Homework 13: Roger Sherman the Forgotten Founder

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Question 1. Read the section “A Life in Brief” in Hall’s book (page 9) and provide a biographical summary of Sherman’s life. Keep it clear but concise.

Question 2. Take notes on new concepts and expressions.

Question 3a. What role did Sherman play regarding the Declaration of Independence?

- A. Sherman was its principle writer and the language was his own.
- B. Sherman did not write the entire document, but rather the famous opening paragraph on equality.
- C. Sherman was part of the five-man drafting committee that helped shape its content.
- D. Sherman was given the honor of being the first person to sign it.

Question 3b. Although Sherman never attended college, of what college did he become treasurer and major benefactor?

- A. Yale
- B. Harvard
- C. Brown
- D. Princeton

Question 3c. Read article “Roger Sherman and the Connecticut Compromise”. What was the primary contribution of the Connecticut Compromise?

- A. It gave delegates from Connecticut the privilege of signing the document first.
- B. It created a bicameral legislature.
- C. It supported the inclusion of a Bill of Rights.
- D. It stipulated term limits for the presidency.