

PLANNING PAGE

Name: _____

TITLE OF YOUR PIECE

TEXT STRUCTURE

No, Thank You

what
you
have
offered

but here
is a
difference
between
us

How this
same offer
has
backfired on
me in the
past

So...
no
thank
you

my
counter-
offer

Indians of the Six Nations

KERNEL ESSAY

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SUGGESTIONS FOR QUICK LIST:

Any recommendation or offer
that you don't want

- unwanted gifts
- new/healthy/foreign food
- job offers • books • movies

MY QUICK LIST OF TOPICS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Sirs,

We know that you highly esteem the kind of learning taught in Colleges, and that the Maintenance of our young Men, while with you, would be very expensive to you. We are convinc'd, therefore, that you mean to do us Good by your Proposal; and we thank you heartily. But you, who are wise, must know that different Nations have different Conceptions of things; and you will therefore not take it amiss, if our Ideas of this kind of Education happen not to be the same with yours. We have had some Experience of it. Several of our Young People were formerly brought up at the Colleges of the Northern Provinces; they were instructed in all your Sciences; but, when they came back to us, they were bad Runners, ignorant of every means of living in the Woods, unable to bear either Cold or Hunger, knew neither how to build a Cabin, take a Deer, or kill an Enemy, spoke our Language imperfectly, were therefore neither fit for Hunters, Warriors, nor Counsellors; they were totally good for nothing. We are, however, not the less oblig'd by your kind Offer, tho' we decline accepting it; and, to show our grateful Sense of it, if the Gentlemen of Virginia will send us a Dozen of their Sons, we will take care of their Education; instruct them in all we know, and make Men of them.

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Send us your sons instead.

But we educate differently

When we did this before, our young men came back worthless.