

How to Write Informative: Anna Strong

NAME: _____

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Directions: Using these facts, you will organize them in any way you see fit and then write in a specific structure in your journal.

Nathan Hale, a spy for the rebels, was hung on September 22, 1776.

In the summer of 1778, General Washington asked Major Benjamin Tallmadge to recruit spies who could gather information about the troops in New York City.

Benjamin Tallmadge and Nathan Hale were college roommates at Yale University.

Anna Strong was born in April 14th, 1740.

Anna Strong married Selah Strong in 1760 and together, they had nine children.

In 1778, Judge Selah Strong was arrested for “surreptitious correspondence with the enemy.” He was confined to a prison ship in the harbor and only survived because his wife, Anna Strong, got permission to bring him food.

Anna Strong lived next door to Abraham Woodhull in Setauket, New York during the Revolution.

When Selah was released from the prison ship, he went to Connecticut to stay with relatives with their children while Anna Strong stayed behind to care for their family home.

Caleb Brewster, a whaler by trade, who would carry information across the Long Island Sound.

Anna Smith would hang a black petticoat on her clothesline when Caleb Brewster was on the Setauket side of the sound. Then, Abraham Woodhull would know to look for him. Anna Strong would align handkerchiefs in her clothesline to mark which cove Caleb Brewster was in.

After the war was over, Selah Strong and Anna Strong were reunited and had a tenth child, named George Washington Strong.

Anna Strong died on August 12, 1812. Her husband Selah Strong died in 1815.

In 1939, a trunk of old letters was discovered in an old house: the Townsend Family home. They were sent to a museum. As historian Morton Pennypacker was analyzing them, he noticed a resemblance in the handwriting between them and the spy known as Culper Junior and Agent 723. The mystery finally came to light!