Directions: Today you will work in pairs to analyze two primary sources, a diary and a painting. Your goal is to develop an understanding of the conditions faced by Washington and the soldiers at Valley Forge.

1. Look at the painting, “Washington Crossing the Delaware.” Describe the scene illustrated by the artist. What are the conditions? How do the people shown react to those conditions? (3 points)

2. Why is Washington placed in the center of the painting? What does his appearance tell you? What is the artist trying to say about Washington based on how he is depicted? (3 points)

Read the Source #2, Excerpt from the Diary of Colonel John Fitzgerald.

3. Give specific quotes from his journal that support the opinions you stated in Question 1. (3 points)

4. In what ways are the images shown in the painting and the ideas expressed in the journal similar? different? (3 points)

5. If you were Washington, what actions would you have taken based on the conditions shown in the painting and in the journal? Why? (5 points)

6. Compared to other battles fought in the Revolutionary War and other wars in American history, this one seems quite small. Why do you think historians consider this event so important? (5 points)

How do you think the Battle of Trenton shaped the war? (3 points)