

Excerpts from Hamilton's *Report . . . on the Subject of Manufactures*

"The expediency of encouraging manufactures in the United States, which was not long since deemed very questionable, appears at this time to be pretty generally admitted. . . . but it is nevertheless a maxim well established by experience, and generally acknowledged, where there has been sufficient experience, that the aggregate prosperity of manufactures, and the aggregate prosperity of agriculture are intimately connected."

Source: Alexander Hamilton, *Report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States on the Subject of Manufactures*, December 5, 1791, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, GLC00891

Complete the questions based on the text:

1. Read the paragraph again and circle 5 key words or phrases that you think are most important to understanding Hamilton's opinion. Compare your list with your partner's list and explain to your partner why you chose the words on your list.

2. Summarize the paragraph in one sentence using all your key words.

3. In your own words, describe how manufacturing would help the newly independent United States, according to Hamilton.
