**Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, by John Trumbull**

**Artwork Viewing Guide- Sample Student Answers**

| **Artwork** | **Specific Evidence from the Painting** | **Complete Sentence** |
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| What do you think is going on in this painting? | A group of men working together on writing and reviewing a document | I think that this painting is a representation of the group of men who wrote the Declaration of Independence. |
| What is the issue on which it is focusing? | The document at the center of the table | This painting is focusing on the paper and the people who were coming up with ideas together to write. |
| What is the action that is taking place? | Teamwork by a small and large group of men | The action in the painting is the writing process of the Declaration of Independence to include many different opinions. |
| Do you see any familiar people or objects? | Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, feather pens | In the painting, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are included because they were leaders who helped write the Declaration of Independence. I also see a feather pen and that means it was from a long time ago. |
| Painting – Additional Notes/Evidence from Group Discussion | | |
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