

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETE AND INCOMPLETE RESPONSES TO APPLICATION QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What was the Compromise of 1790 and what did it have to do with the location of our nation's capital?

INCOMPLETE RESPONSE #1:

The Compromise of 1790 was a compromise between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson with James Madison wherein Hamilton won the decision for the national government to take over and pay the state debts, while Jefferson and Madison obtained the national capital (District of Columbia) for the South.

This response is incomplete because it was copied and pasted from Wikipedia and therefore not in the students' own words

INCOMPLETE RESPONSE #2:

I apologize but I don't know

This response is incomplete because it does not answer the question. If you don't know the answer to the question, do some research - but be sure to write what you learn in your own words.

INCOMPLETE RESPONSE #3:

It had to do with the District of Columbia

This response is incomplete because while it is true, it does not provide enough information.

COMPLETE RESPONSE:

The Compromise of 1790 was created as a solution to a debate between Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, and Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State. Hamilton wanted Congress to consolidate the debt of Northern and Southern states after the Revolutionary War. Jefferson was against this plan because the South had already paid off their debts and didn't want to have to cover the North's expenses. Hamilton got Jefferson to agree to this plan by offering to move the nation's capital from New York to Washington, D.C. - which is in the South. Jefferson liked the idea of having the nation's capital in the South, so even though he didn't like Hamilton's plan, he agreed to it.

This response is complete because it thoroughly answers the question in the students' own words and in complete sentences.