Soft Power in the Early Republic: The U.S. and France

Day 3 Task 1

Interview Script Guide

Interviewer: Welcome and self-introduction.

Interviewer: Provide the historical context that is relevant to the document. What has been happening that has prompted your Interview Subject to write this document?

Interviewer: Introduce Interview Subject by explaining who he is and what he role was in the fledgling American government. Be sure to mention his role in the American relationship with France.

Interviewer: Question 1 should ask the Subject why he wrote the document.

Subject: Explain the circumstances and why you felt like you had to do something.

Interviewer: Question 2 should ask about the main idea of the document. You may want to quote the document and ask the subject what he meant.

Subject: Be sure to refer to the quote and answer with as much of a detailed explanation as possible.

Interviewer: Questions 3 should explain what soft power is. Ask the Subject if this was an attempt as soft power?

Subject: Answer the question using the key words that are part of our class definition of soft power. Be sure to use more evidence directly from the document whenever possible.

Interviewer: Question 4 should ask the Subject if he believes his attempt at soft power will be effective.

Subject: Explain why you believe you will be effective and, again, use evidence from the document whenever possible.

Interviewer: Question 5 is up to you. You may want to ask the Subject how he will handle specific criticisms. You may want to quote are particularly confusing passage from the document and ask the Subject to explain.

Subject: Answer as clearly and effectively as possible.

Interviewer: Thank the Subject for his time and expertise. Close out the interview by reminding the audience who you are and who you just interviewed.