

Writing an Op-Ed on *Fire and Freedom*

1. Read and examine the *Fire and Freedom: Food and Enslavement in Early America* exhibition online (<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/fireandfreedom/exhibition0.html>).
2. From the online exhibition, identify two interesting or significant statements that relate to relationships among people, labor, and power, in connection to meals.
3. Revise your essay on what a meal may represent and reflect, into an op-ed article for your school newspaper. Your op-ed introduces the Fire and Freedom exhibition and highlights the two statements you have selected as interesting or significant. Your article must be minimum of five paragraphs and include the following:
 - Information related to the producers/sponsors of the online exhibition—e.g., content creators, project partners.
 - Exhibition overview with three specific examples that introduce the main ideas and historical perspectives of Fire and Freedom.
 - Your selected statements, rephrased in your own words, and as a part of your opinion on and analysis of the exhibition, along with an explanation on why the statements are significant concept(s) from the exhibition.
4. Looking for inspiration? Visit the following web pages for guidance on writing an op-ed article: "[Basic Op-Ed Structure](#)" and "[Tips for Op-Ed Writing](#)" available on [The OpEd Project site](#). Also search and read a couple of op-ed articles online as examples.