

Awful Calamity: Philadelphia in 1793

Instructions

The Politics of Yellow Fever exhibition essay describes the professional roles and political beliefs held by Alexander Hamilton, Dr. Benjamin Rush, and other Philadelphians during the outbreak in 1793. Based on your paragraph, offer information to complete the items below.

1. Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Rush held different political views as well as ideas about causes of and treatments for yellow fever.

	Alexander Hamilton held	Benjamin Rush held
Profession		
Personal politics		
Ideas about preventing yellow fever		
Opinions on yellow fever treatments		
Was the treatment effective or curative?		

2. Who worked and provided relief services during the outbreak, avoiding total collapse of the city and government?

3. What critical discovery became an important part of preventing yellow fever? Who made the discovery and when?