Worksheet 3 Breaking News: The Town Meeting

Pretend you are a reporter covering the meeting shown in the painting—write an article or a blog entry about this town meeting and what was said—imagine what the other participants in the meeting said.

Answer the questions below to help frame your news article.

1. What will the title of your news article be?

2. What type of article are you writing? (News, feature, style?)

3. Create the setting for your article: Where did the meeting take place (city, state, building)? When did the meeting take place? Who was invited?

4. Create a purpose for the meeting — why were these people meeting? What was the most important topic on the agenda?

5. Name two of the people in the painting. Create a quote for each of them based on what you think they would have said about the town meeting prior to it (their expectations) or after the meeting (in summary). Be sure to think about their facial expressions as you create the reactions.

6. What was the resolution(s) to the meeting?

**If interested, create a podcast of your article or create an interview using the same information as if you were the people in the painting and there.