

Connect to Writing

James Forten
Grammar: Connect to Writing

Good writers insert commas and semicolons to clarify the meaning of their sentences.

Use commas or semicolons to separate items in a series.

John Adams, Molly Pitcher, and James Forten all contributed to the war effort.

Use commas to set off introductory words or phrases, direct address, and tag questions.

Henrietta, whom do you admire most?

In my opinion, all three were very brave, wouldn't you say?

Rewrite the paragraph, inserting commas and semicolons where necessary.

We have read about some exceptional Americans in Lesson 11, Unit 3 Lesson 13, Unit 3 and Lesson 14, Unit 3. For example James Forten fought in the war built up a business and worked to abolish slavery. At the time he lived African Americans had few rights or opportunities. In my mind this makes him even more extraordinary wouldn't you agree?