

LESSON PLAN #15: Modern Day Editing

[1] **Curriculum framework(s):** 5.30 Identify, describe, and apply all conventions of Standard English.

[2] **Goal of the lesson:** To have students improve their use of Standard English by analyzing Mrs. Adams' words. To have students note the difference between 18th century mechanical conventions and 21st century conventions.

[3] **Expected Student outcomes:** Students will be able to edit a letter of Abigail Adams.

[4] **Assessment of expected student outcomes:** Using the proofreading marks universal in Standard English.

[5] **Instructional procedure:** 45 minutes

Activities: Have students edit the letters of Abigail Adams using the conventions of Standard English and standard editorial proofreading marks. In many ways this activity will mimic peer-editing activities done in class.

[6] **Material and resources:** Select sundry letters of Abigail Adams and ensure students have red pens available for correcting.