APUSH
Name:_____ Date: _____

Directions: Read the Prologue: The Strange Death of Silas Deane (pp. xvii-xxxi) in **After the Fact** and formulate answers for the following questions. We will use the questions and your answers as a jumping off point for a discussion on analyzing and interpreting historical documents and events.

1. The author claims "Like all good couriers, [historians] are expected to deliver messages without adding to them." (xxvii) Why do you agree or disagree with this statement?

2. Define history:

3. Explain why you feel history is either a certainty or a probability. Include how the prologue about Silas Deane impacted your response.

4. Which version of Silas Deane's story do you believe and WHY (**note specific sections w/page #s of evidence that you found particularly convincing**)?

5. Identify the **thesis** of the Prologue and write it here. Why do you think this is the thesis of the Prologue?