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**Reading Guide**

## THE WAR FOR INDEPDENCE

### 6.1

**PGS 144-151**

- Circle the correct answer to multiple choice questions
- Answer questions that require writing in complete sentences with specific details. Credit will not be received for incomplete or incorrect answers

1. At the beginning of the war each side had advantages, list 2 advantages for each below.

British Advantages

American Advantages

2. The Continental Congress acted as a national government of sorts during the Revolutionary War. Explain how states resisted this idea. Also, why do you think states resisted this?

3. Which statement best describes the results of early battles during the Revolutionary War?

- A. Battles like Long Island showed that the Americans were enjoying great success because of how well they were equipped
- B. The Battle of Long Island resulted in a crushing defeat for the Continental Army that showed that they were ill-equipped and would not last the winter of 76-77
- C. The Americans enjoyed a huge advantage in the number of soldiers they had compared to the British which allowed the Continental Army to keep fighting

4. Fill in the information about the battles below

Battle	When and Where	Who Won & Importance
Battle of Trenton		
Capture of Philadelphia		
Battle of Saratoga		

5. At the end of 1777 do you think that victory was likely for the Americans? (support answer with a battle)

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**STUDY GUIDE  
 ITEMS**

VOCAB

Mercenary  
 recruit

EVENTS &  
 IDEAS

British and  
 American  
 Advantages

Loyalists  
 -why were  
 people loyal?  
 -who was loyal?

The Continental  
 Army and  
 Continental  
 Congress  
 -struggles?  
 -controversy?  
 -trouble getting  
 recruits?

Battle of Long  
 Island  
 -when?  
 -result?  
 -importance?

African  
 Americans in  
 the War  
 -contributions?  
 -controversy?

Battle of  
 Trenton  
 -When, Where?  
 -Result?  
 -Importance

Capture of  
 Philadelphia  
 -When?  
 -Who?  
 -Importance?

Battle of  
 Saratoga  
 -When, Where?  
 -Result?  
 -Importance?

# THE WAR CONTINUES

## Reading Guide

### 6.2

PGS 152-157

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1. After a victory at Saratoga, who joined the American side in 1777 as an ally?

- A. Britain
- B. Spain
- C. France
- D. American Indians

2. Why was Valley Forge known for the hardships that soldiers endured? How did this experience benefit the army?

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3. Which answer best describes the contributions of foreigners to the American side of the war?

- A. Leaders like Lafayette provided the Continental Army with much needed military advice, and many foreign born soldiers fought for the Americans
- B. In 1777 many Loyalists switched sides, and the Americans gained some experienced British leaders
- C. Foreign countries offered little assistance to the American colonies during the war. The United States had money and leadership to take them through the war.

4. Describe how the Revolutionary War created challenges in the following areas?

The American Economy (include inflation)

Ideas of Equality for Loyalists, women, African Americans (3 Bullet Points)

## STUDY GUIDE ITEMS

### VOCAB

Inflation

### EVENTS & IDEAS

Alliance with France

-what caused it?

-how did France help?

Valley Forge

-when, where?

-hardships?

-benefits?

Help From

Foreigners

-who helped?

-how did they

help?

Economic

Problems

-inflation

-taxes

Ideas of

equality

-for women

-for slaves

-for Loyalists

## BATTLEGROUND SHIFTS

### Reading Guide

# 6.3

PGS 158-163

- Circle the correct answer to multiple choice questions
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1. Which statement best describes American Indian involvement in the Revolutionary War?
  - A. Most American Indian nations and tribes supported the Americans throughout the war.
  - B. American Indian nations and tribes were mostly neutral or sided with the British because they viewed the British as less of a threat.
  - C. American Indian nations used the opportunity to unite as one and create their own country in the west.
  
2. Congress authorized the use of \_\_\_\_\_, which meant that private ship owners could attack and seize British ships.
 

A. pirates	C. Hessians
B. mercenaries	D. privateers
  
3. Where did the British shift their strategy to in 1778? Explain why the British made this change.
 

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4. Use "Early British Success" and "American Success" to record the following info below

<i>Battle</i>	<i>When and Where</i>	<i>Who Won &amp;</i>	<i>Importance</i>
Charles Town		British OR Americans	
Savannah		British OR Americans	
Camden		British OR Americans	
Cowpens		British OR Americans	

5. What fighting strategy did the Americans use in the south? How did this benefit the Americans?
 

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6. By April of 1781...
  - A. The British were pushing the Americans through South Carolina
  - B. Hit and run tactics, American victories, and French reinforcements convinced the British to take shelter at Yorktown, Virginia
  - C. France realized the Americans could not win, and returned to France.

### STUDY GUIDE ITEMS

#### VOCAB

Blockade  
Privateers

#### EVENTS & IDEAS

American Indian involvement

British Strategy in the South

Battles  
-Savanna  
-Camden  
-Cowpens

Hit and Run tactics  
-How does this change the war?

## THE FINAL YEARS

Reading Guide

# 6.4

PGS 164-169

- Circle the correct answer to multiple choice questions
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1. What were 3 factors that gave the United States an advantage at Yorktown?
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  
2. The United States was assured of victory in the Revolutionary War when they defeated the British at the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Battle of Yorktown
  - B. Battle of Camden
  - C. Battle of Charles Town
  - D. Battle of Clinton
  
3. Why did the British decide to not continue fighting while they still controlled large cities like Savannah, Charles Town and New York?
 

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4. The \_\_\_\_\_ officially ended the Revolutionary War in 1783. Illustrate two of the ideas in this treaty in the spaces below.

Idea 1:	Idea 2:

5. Some of George Washington's best leadership was on display **after** the Treaty of Paris. Using pages 167 and 168, how did Washington's leadership help save and establish the new nation?
 

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**STUDY GUIDE  
ITEMS**

VOCAB

Siege  
Ratify  
ambush

EVENTS &  
IDEAS

Yorktown  
-factors helping  
the Americans

Treaty of Paris

Washington's  
Leadership  
-preventing  
mutiny at  
Newburgh  
-retiring