



AMERICAN HISTORY



BATTLE OF GOLDEN HILL

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

1. Where did the Battle of Golden Hill take place?

- a) Boston
- b) New York
- c) Philadelphia
- d) Charleston

2. What event initially sparked the protests leading to the Battle of Golden Hill?

- a) The destruction of the Liberty Pole
- b) The Boston Tea Party
- c) The Quartering Act
- d) The passage of the Stamp Act

3. What was the Liberty Pole a symbol of?

- a) British military strength
- b) American loyalty to the Crown
- c) American freedom and independence
- d) The authority of the New York Assembly

4. What tactic did British soldiers use to destroy the Liberty Pole?

- a) They chopped it down with axes.
- b) They bored a hole into it, packed it with gunpowder, and detonated it.
- c) They set it on fire.
- d) They tied it to horses and pulled it down.

5. Who was Isaac Sears, and what role did he play in the Battle of Golden Hill?

- a) A British officer who led the attack on the Liberty Pole
- b) A member of the Sons of Liberty who confronted British soldiers posting broadsides
- c) The acting governor of New York during the conflict
- d) A magistrate who tried to mediate the dispute



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6. How did the British soldiers provoke the citizens after destroying the Liberty Pole?

- a) They set fire to nearby homes.
- b) They mocked the Sons of Liberty in a printed broadside.
- c) They refused to leave the city.
- d) They confiscated citizens' weapons.

7. What happened to Francis Field during the skirmish at Golden Hill?

- a) He was killed by a bayonet.
- b) He was mistaken for an attacker and struck with a sword.
- c) He led the crowd against the British soldiers.
- d) He defended a magistrate with a halberd.

8. How did the citizens respond after the destruction of the Liberty Pole?

- a) They built an even larger and more elaborate Liberty Pole.
- b) They attacked British soldiers at their barracks.
- c) They stormed the governor's mansion.
- d) They boycotted British goods in protest.

9. Why is the Battle of Golden Hill considered significant in American history?

- a) It marked the official start of the Revolutionary War.
- b) It was one of the first violent clashes between citizens and British soldiers.
- c) It led to the immediate repeal of the Quartering Act.
- d) It caused the resignation of the British governor.

10. What did Isaac Sears say about the Liberty Pole and its symbolism?

- a) It represented the might of the New York Assembly.
- b) It was just a simple piece of wood with no deeper meaning.
- c) It was akin to a nation's flag, more than just a physical object.
- d) It symbolized the colonies' submission to British rule.



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Discussion Questions for The Battle of Golden Hill

1. **Why do you think the Liberty Pole was so important to the citizens of New York?**
- Follow-up: Can you think of modern symbols that people feel strongly about today?
2. **The Battle of Golden Hill was one of the first violent confrontations leading up to the Revolutionary War. Why do you think small events like this can sometimes lead to bigger conflicts?**
- Follow-up: How could the people involved have prevented the situation from escalating?
3. **Isaac Sears compared the Liberty Pole to a nation's flag, saying it was more than just a piece of wood. What does this tell us about how symbols can inspire people?**
- Follow-up: What symbols inspire you or your community?
4. **How did both the British soldiers and the citizens of New York escalate tensions during the Battle of Golden Hill?**
- Follow-up: What might both sides have done differently to avoid violence?
5. **The Battle of Golden Hill didn't result in a full-scale uprising, but it increased tensions between the colonists and British soldiers. How do you think events like this contributed to the start of the Revolutionary War?**
- Follow-up: Why is it important to understand the causes of conflicts in history?





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Answer Key

1. b) New York
2. a) The destruction of the Liberty Pole
3. c) American freedom and independence
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