



AMERICAN HISTORY



BUNKER HILL

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

1. What event led to the gathering of militiamen and minutemen outside Boston in April 1775?
 - a) The signing of the Declaration of Independence
 - b) The Lexington Battle
 - c) The Boston Tea Party
 - d) The Battle of Yorktown
2. Who was the American general leading the forces during the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 - a) George Washington
 - b) Artemis Ward
 - c) Thomas Gage
 - d) William Howe
3. What incorrect name is commonly used for the fortification site of the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 - a) Beacon Hill
 - b) Breed's Hill
 - c) Bunker's Hill
 - d) Charlestown Hill
4. What command was allegedly given by Colonel William Prescott during the battle?
 - a) "Hold the line at all costs!"
 - b) "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."
 - c) "For liberty and freedom!"
 - d) "Advance and conquer!"
5. Which African American soldier is credited with killing Major John Pitcairn during the battle?
 - a) James Armistead
 - b) Peter Salem
 - c) William Lee
 - d) Crispus Attucks



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6. What was the outcome of the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 - a) A decisive victory for the Patriots
 - b) A tactical victory for the British, but at great cost
 - c) The British were forced to retreat from Boston
 - d) A stalemate

7. What did Benjamin Franklin declare after the Battle of Bunker Hill?
 - a) "The war is won."
 - b) "We were once friends, we are now enemies."
 - c) "This marks the end of British tyranny."
 - d) "The colonies must unite or perish."

8. Which British commander described the Battle of Bunker Hill as a "dear bought victory"?
 - a) General William Howe
 - b) General Thomas Gage
 - c) General Henry Clinton
 - d) Major John Pitcairn

9. What act did President Ronald Reagan sign to honor African American contributions during the Revolutionary War?
 - a) The Revolutionary War Memorial Act
 - b) The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Act
 - c) The African American Heritage Act
 - d) The Freedom Fighters Recognition Act

10. What famous mixed-race regiment was organized in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War?
 - a) The Ethiopian Regiment
 - b) The 1st Rhode Island Regiment
 - c) The Liberty Battalion
 - d) The Continental Guard



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Discussion Questions

- 1. Why do you think the Battle of Bunker Hill is remembered as an important moment in American history, even though the British technically won the battle?**
 - Explore the significance of morale and symbolism in war.
- 2. Colonel Prescott allegedly told his men, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes." What do you think this advice tells us about the challenges the American forces faced during the battle?**
 - Discuss resource limitations and strategic decisions.
- 3. What role did African American soldiers like Peter Salem play in the Revolutionary War, and how do you think their contributions should be remembered today?**
 - Consider the broader implications of diversity and inclusion in history.
- 4. Why did Benjamin Franklin write that reconciliation between Britain and the colonies was no longer possible after the Battle of Bunker Hill?**
 - Discuss how this battle may have changed attitudes on both sides of the conflict.
- 5. The British called their victory at Bunker Hill a "dear bought victory." What do you think this phrase means, and how might it have influenced British plans for the rest of the war?**
 - Encourage students to think about the costs of war and strategic decision-making.





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Answer Key

1. b) The Lexington Battle
2. b) Artemis Ward
3. c) Bunker's Hill
4. b) "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."
5. b) Peter Salem
6. b) A tactical victory for the British, but at great cost
7. b) "We were once friends, we are now enemies."
8. c) General Henry Clinton
9. b) The Black Revolutionary War Patriots Act
10. b) The 1st Rhode Island Regiment

