



AMERICAN HISTORY



WAR RAGES (OVERVIEW)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Multiple Choice

1. What rallying cry motivated many American colonists to stand up against British rule?
 - a) "No taxation without representation"
 - b) "Liberty or death"
 - c) "Stand your ground"
 - d) "For the king and country"
2. What was the outcome of the first encounter on Lexington Green on April 19, 1775?
 - a) The British suffered a major defeat.
 - b) Eight Americans were killed, and the British continued to Concord.
 - c) Both sides retreated without any casualties.
 - d) The American militia captured British soldiers.
3. Who was appointed by the Continental Congress to lead the Continental Army?
 - a) Thomas Jefferson
 - b) Benjamin Franklin
 - c) George Washington
 - d) Henry Knox
4. What pamphlet written by Thomas Paine inspired American soldiers during the Revolutionary War?
 - a) The Declaration of Independence
 - b) Common Sense
 - c) The American Crisis
 - d) Poor Richard's Almanack
5. What major American victory occurred on Christmas night, 1776?
 - a) The Battle of Saratoga
 - b) The Battle of Trenton
 - c) The Battle of Bunker Hill
 - d) The Battle of Yorktown



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6. Which battle is considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War?
 - a) The Battle of Princeton
 - b) The Battle of Monmouth
 - c) The Battle of Saratoga
 - d) The Battle of King's Mountain

7. Which country formed an alliance with the United States after the victory at Saratoga?
 - a) Spain
 - b) France
 - c) The Netherlands
 - d) Germany

8. What was the outcome of the Siege of Yorktown in 1781?
 - a) The British achieved a decisive victory.
 - b) Cornwallis surrendered to the American and French forces.
 - c) The Continental Army was forced to retreat.
 - d) It was an inconclusive battle.

9. What was a significant challenge faced by Washington's troops during the winter at Valley Forge?
 - a) Constant British attacks
 - b) Lack of foreign support
 - c) Severe cold, starvation, and lack of supplies
 - d) A mutiny among the ranks

10. When was the Treaty of Peace signed, officially ending the Revolutionary War?
 - a) 1778
 - b) 1781
 - c) 1783
 - d) 1785



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Discussion Questions

- **Why do you think the phrase "No taxation without representation" was so important to the American colonists? How does it relate to fairness in government today?***
 - Discuss the concept of representation and its importance in a democracy.
- **What do you think it took for George Washington and his army to persevere through tough times like the winter at Valley Forge? What lessons can we learn from their determination?***
 - Explore themes of resilience and teamwork.
- **The victory at Saratoga convinced France to join the war on the side of the Americans. How do you think alliances can impact the outcome of a conflict?***
 - Discuss the role of international support in achieving goals.
- **Why do you think the Declaration of Independence was such a powerful message to both the American colonists and the rest of the world?***
 - Encourage thinking about the importance of shared values and ideals.
- **The Revolutionary War included people from all walks of life, including enslaved African Americans, Native Americans, and women. How do their contributions change the way we understand the fight for independence?***
 - Promote discussion about inclusivity and the role of diverse groups in shaping history.





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Answer Key

1. a) "No taxation without representation"
2. b) Eight Americans were killed, and the British continued to Concord.
3. c) George Washington
4. b) Common Sense
5. b) The Battle of Trenton
6. c) The Battle of Saratoga
7. b) France
8. b) Cornwallis surrendered to the American and French forces.
9. c) Severe cold, starvation, and lack of supplies
10. c) 1783

