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**Unit 2: American Revolution Guided Reading Questions**

**French and Indian War**

1. What 2 countries participated in the French and Indian War? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The war began in North America as a result of ongoing British-American expansion into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was also claimed by France.
3. Which side had the advantage of having numerous Indian allies on its side during this war?
4. How did the treaty of Paris in 1763, lay the groundwork for the American Revolution?
5. What is one positive result of the war on Britain?
6. What is one negative result of the war Britain?
7. What is one positive result of the war on the colonies?
8. What is one negative result of the war on the colonies?
9. What did British courts have instead of juries in smuggling cases?

**Document Analysis 1**

1. What was King George of Britain worried about?
2. Why Prime Minister George Grenville upset with the colonist?
3. What was House of Commons member Edmund Burke worried about?

**Tensions Rise between Great Britain and the Colonies**

1. How did American colonists react to new British laws and policies?
2. Why did Parliament pass the Proclamation of 1763?
3. How did the colonists feel about the Proclamation of 1763?
4. Why was Britain unable to enforce the law?

**Document Analysis 2**

1. How did the colonists respond to the Proclamation Line?

**Acts by the British and the Colonist Reactions**

1. What was the Sugar Act of 1764?
2. What was the Stamp Act of 1765?
3. What was to be used to pay for the stamp tax?
4. How did the colonists react to the Stamp Act? What did they argue?
5. What was the purpose of the Committees of Correspondence?
6. Who organized the Sons of Liberty?
7. What were some of the tactics used by the Sons of Liberty to protest the British taxes?
8. What was the purpose of the Daughters of Liberty?
9. What did the Sons of Liberty do in response to the Tea Act?
10. What are the 5 parts of the Intolerable Acts?

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1. How did Massachusetts respond to the Intolerable Acts?

**Document Analysis 3**

1. What does Thomas Paine (the author) think is very absurd?
2. The author claims “In no instance hath nature made the satellite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than its primary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and as England and America,”
3. Thomas Paine suggest England belongs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and America belongs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Importance of Thomas Paine**

1. Which was the only colony that did not attend the First Continental Congress in September 1774?
2. What did the delegates at the First Continental Congress state to the king of England?
3. Where were the first shots of the American Revolution fired?
4. What was the nickname given to this engagement between the British army and the colonial militia?
5. Who wrote the pamphlet “Common Sense?”
6. What were some of the points made in “Common Sense”?
7. What is a famous line from the 50-page pamphlet?
8. What was the impact of the Second Continental Congress and Thomas Paine’s pamphlet “Common Sense”?

**Document Analysis 4**

1. According to the Declaration of Independence, “government are institution among me, deriving their just power from the consent of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;”
2. According to the Declaration of Independence, “that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of those ends, it is the right of the people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it,”
3. What John Locke political philosophy is similar to this Declaration of Independence quote?

**Declaration of Independence**

1. What is the Declaration of Independence?
2. Who was the principal author of the document?
3. When did the Congress vote in favor of breaking from British control?
4. When was the Declaration of Independence formally adopted?
5. Who were the members of the Committee of Five?
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1. How many changes were made by the Continental Congress to Jefferson’s draft of the Declaration of Independence before is was finally adopted?
2. Why did some of the Southern Colonies refuse to sign the document?
3. Who was one of the most influential Enlightenment thinkers that helped form American ideas about government?
4. What are Natural Rights?
5. What was the Social Contract Theory?

**Document Analysis 5**

1. **What do the people give to the government?**
2. **What does the government do for the people?**
3. **According to the Social Contract, what do the people have the right do if the government misuses their power?**

**Declaration of Independence (Continued)**

1. **What are the key ideas that form the foundation of the social contract theory?**
2. **What are 3 examples of Natural Rights? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **What are the 3 key sections of the Declaration of Independence?**

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1. **How many grievances against King George III are listed in the 2nd section of the Declaration of Independence?**
2. **What was the Olive Branch Petition?**
3. **How did the King respond to the Olive Branch Petition?**
4. **What did the colonists believe was the only solution to having their rights restored?**

**French Alliance**

1. Who are the 2 key figures who helped during the Revolution by getting assistance from European countries?
2. What country provided critical military and financial assistance to the colonies during the war?
3. What 2 other countries provided financial assistance to the colonies during the war?
4. What was the population in the colonies at the time?
5. What was the population in Great Britain at the time?
6. What were some of the major disadvantages the American forces faced?
7. Which country emerged as the greatest ally for the Americans during the Revolutionary War?
8. It was after the colonists won the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, New York in 1777 that France was willing to openly support the Americans by entering the Revolutionary War opposed to their rival Great Britain.

**Role of Military Leaders**

1. Who was appointed by the Continental Congress to be the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army?
2. What earned George Washington support and respect of the American soldiers?
3. What were some of the challenges faced by the Continental Army?
4. What were some of the most common “camp killers”?

**Document Analysis 6**

1. According to Marquis de Lafayette, what were conditions like for soldiers at Valley Forge?

**Role of Military Leaders (Continued)**

1. When and where were Washington’s skill at maintaining his force under trying conditions best shown?
2. What 2 leaders arrived at Valley Forge to assist Washington in training the soldiers?
3. What were Baron Von Steuben’s contributions to the war?
4. What were Marquis de Lafayette’s contributions to the war?
5. Why was George Washington considered to be a very successful military commander and leader?

**Battle of Trenton**

1. **What 3 battles are considered decisive American victories and turning points in the Revolutionary war?** 
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2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ played a significant role in each battle. In all three, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were essential in the Americans’ ability to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the British and force them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **When did the Battle of Trenton take place?**
4. **Who were the Hessians?**
5. **Why was crossing the Delaware River such a challenge?**
6. **How many Hessians did the Americans trap or kill during the Battle of Trenton?**
7. **What are 3 reasons the Hessians were caught off guard during this battle?**
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**Document Analysis 7**

1. Based on your knowledge of history, what historical event is being described by the image?
2. Based on your knowledge of history, what historical figure is leading the attack?
3. Based on your knowledge, is the image historically accurate?

**Battle of Saratoga**

1. Where were the British trying to take control in the Battle of Saratoga?
2. According to the British, what would happen if the colonies were divided?
3. Who was the American commander who faced Burgoyne?
4. While British forces were slow to arrive from Canada, what were the Americans building at Saratoga?
5. How did geography greatly contribute to an American victory at Saratoga?
6. Why was the Battle of Saratoga considered a turning point in the American Revolution?

**Battle of Yorktown**

1. Who was the British General in charge of the Southern Army?
2. What U.S. Commander fought against General Cornwallis?
3. Why did General Cornwallis want to move his troops to the southern states?
4. What geographic feature caused General Cornwallis and the British to be trapped at Yorktown?
5. What was the role of the French navy during the Battle of Yorktown?
6. How long did the fighting last?
7. Who did General Cornwallis surrender to at the Battle of Yorktown?
8. How did geography play a role in the American Revolutionary victories at Trenton, Saratoga, and Yorktown?

**Document Analysis 8**

1. List 3 things that women did to participate in the American Revolution?
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2. List 3 ways women helped on the battlefield during the American Revolution?
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3. Who was “Robert Shirtliffe”?

**Role of Women**

1. **Who were the “camp followers”?**
2. **Why did women follow soldiers?**
3. **How much time did Martha Washington follow her husband during the war?**
4. **Who was “Molly Pitcher”?**
5. **Who were the 2 women who received federal pensions for their Revolutionary War service?**
6. **What were some of the ways women sent messages as spies during the war?**

**Role of American Indians**

1. Which side did MOST American Indians side with during the American Revolution?
2. Why did most American Indians side with the British during the American Revolution?
3. Which 2 tribes supported the Patriots? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which 4 tribes supported the British? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Document Analysis 9**

1. Were free blacks allowed to serve in the American Revolution?
2. What did runaway slaves tell military recruiters?
3. What role did black Virginians play at Valley Forge?

**Role of Enslaved and Free Blacks**

1. **Enslaved and free Blacks viewed the American Revolution as an opportunity for:**
2. **Who was Crispus Attucks?**
3. **Which side did MOST enslaved and free Blacks side with during the American Revolution?**
4. **How many Blacks fought with the Patriots during the war?**
5. **Were minority groups extended rights by the new government of the U.S. at the end of the war?**

**Significance of Treaty of Paris, 1783**

1. The 1783 Treaty of Paris \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the American Revolutionary War.
2. What three negotiators were sent to represent the United States in peace talks held in Paris?
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3. What are the 5 provisions of the 1783 Treaty of Paris?
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4. Why was the 1783 Treaty of Paris significant?
5. The new United States was set to establish its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sought to prosper through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.