






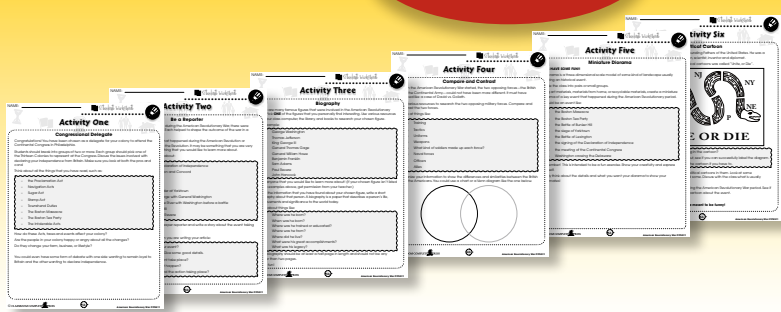
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Key Events

1. Have you ever heard of the "Boston Tea Party"? Write down any key facts that you may remember about it.

2. Why do you think that July 4, 1776 was an important date in American history? Explain your answer.

3. Circle the word that you think does NOT belong in each group, then write a short sentence explaining why that word does not belong.

- a) New York Boston Philadelphia London

- b) Benjamin Franklin Thomas Jefferson King George III John Adams

- c) life monarchy liberty pursuit of happiness

- d) Yorktown Tea Tax Boston Harbor Mohawk Natives



Key Events

After the **Boston Massacre** in 1770, the British tried to make the colonists happy. Troops were taken out of Boston. All of the major taxes on British goods were taken away. However, the tea tax was not. In May of 1773, the **Tea Act** took away the tea tax. The colonists were still angry. Tea sales were controlled by British tea agents. When the first tea ships arrived in December, the colonists did not let them dock. To send a message to Britain, they decided on a plan. Some chosen colonists dressed like Native Americans and snuck onto the ships at night. They opened over 300 chests full of tea and dumped the tea into the harbor. It was called the "**Boston Tea Party**". King George and the British were very angry. They punished the colonies with new laws. They were called the **Intolerable Acts**. Boston Harbor was closed. Colonists were ordered to provide housing for British soldiers. This was one of the last straws for the colonists.



A reenactment of the Boston Tea Party

What is the Boston Tea Party?



In September of 1774, the colonists held the **First Continental Congress**. Twelve of the Thirteen Colonies sent **representatives** called **delegates**. The Congress met mainly to protest against the new laws passed by Britain. They wanted the colonists to defend their rights by force if they had to. They started another **boycott** of British goods. They talked about the rights of the colonists. The Congress decided to meet again in May of 1775 if Britain had not changed her **policies**. The **Second Continental Congress** met in May of 1775. The battles of Lexington and Concord had just happened in April. The war had started. The Continental Congress took charge of the war effort. They voted Washington as the new **commander-in-chief** of the **Continental Army**.



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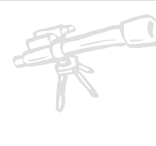


1. Circle the word **True** if the statement is true. Circle the word **False** if it is false.

- a) The British never tried to make the colonists happy.
TRUE FALSE
- b) Colonists dumped over 300 bags of tea in the harbor.
TRUE FALSE
- c) The Intolerable Acts were laws to punish the colonists.
TRUE FALSE
- d) In 1774, the colonists held the first Continental Congress.
TRUE FALSE
- e) The Continental Congress took charge of the war effort.
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- f) The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.
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Key Events



3. Unscramble the words below to reveal a key event of the American Revolutionary War.

- a) tnobso caresams _____
- b) eat rpaty _____
- c) leyavl gofer _____
- d) acnoitredla fo ceeennnidp _____
- e) cckonah _____
- f) cnhrfe _____
- g) tfoalpr _____
- h) toonwykr _____

Research & Application

4. The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in American history ever to be signed. Explain why you think it was important. What was its significance to the colonists?

5. In 1778, France joined the war on the side of the Americans. Do some research on the computer or in a book about the Franco-American Treaty of 1778. What were the terms of the treaty? What was the significance of France joining the war? Write your response in a 1-page paper.



Crossword Puzzle!

Word List

acts	Jefferson
Boston	massacre
Cornwallis	Revere
Delaware	Stamp
France	Tea Party
George	Washington
Independence	Yorktown

Across

- The protest where five civilians were killed was later called the Boston _____.
- On July 4, 1776, Continental Congress signed the Declaration of _____.
- He made his famous ride to warn the colonists that the British were coming.
- The Boston _____ was a bunch of Colonists dressed like Native Americans who dumped tea off the ships in the harbor.
- One of the major towns in the Thirteen Colonies and the site of many protests.
- This British general surrendered his army at Yorktown.
- The _____ Act was a law that passed, which taxed all newspapers, documents and pamphlets.

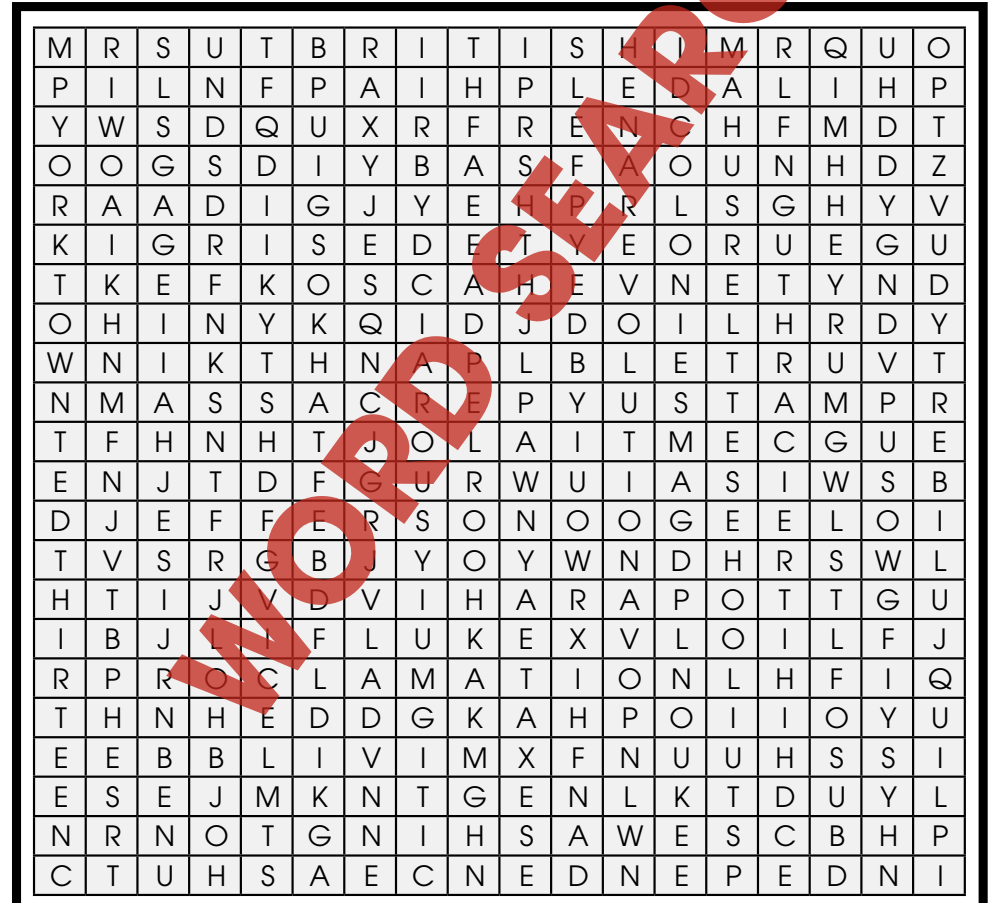
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- Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
- Washington crossed this river in winter to attack Trenton and Princeton.
- King _____ III was the ruler of England during the Revolution.
- He helped write the Declaration of Independence.
- The British made their final surrender after the siege of this town.
- They joined the war in 1778 to help the colonists fight Britain.
- Laws passed by the British were called _____.

Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

BOSTON	FRENCH	MASSACRE	REVOLUTION	THIRTEEN
BRITISH	GAGE	MISSISSIPPI	SETTLERS	TREATY
CAPTAIN	INDEPENDENCE	PHILADELPHIA	STAMP	WASHINGTON
COLONIES	JEFFERSON	PROCLAMATION	TAXES	YORKTOWN
CORNWALLIS	LIBERTY	REBELLION	TEA	



Comprehension Quiz

Part 1

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- George Washington was born in February 1732.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The Thirteen colonies were founded by French Settlers.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763.
TRUE **FALSE**
- British General Gage ordered his troops to search Concord.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Ten settlers were killed at the Boston Massacre.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The colonies didn't mind paying the taxes as long as the British stayed away from their new land.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The British soldiers were often referred to as "redcoats and lobster backs" by the colonists.
TRUE **FALSE**
- General William Howe was a British Nobleman.
TRUE **FALSE**

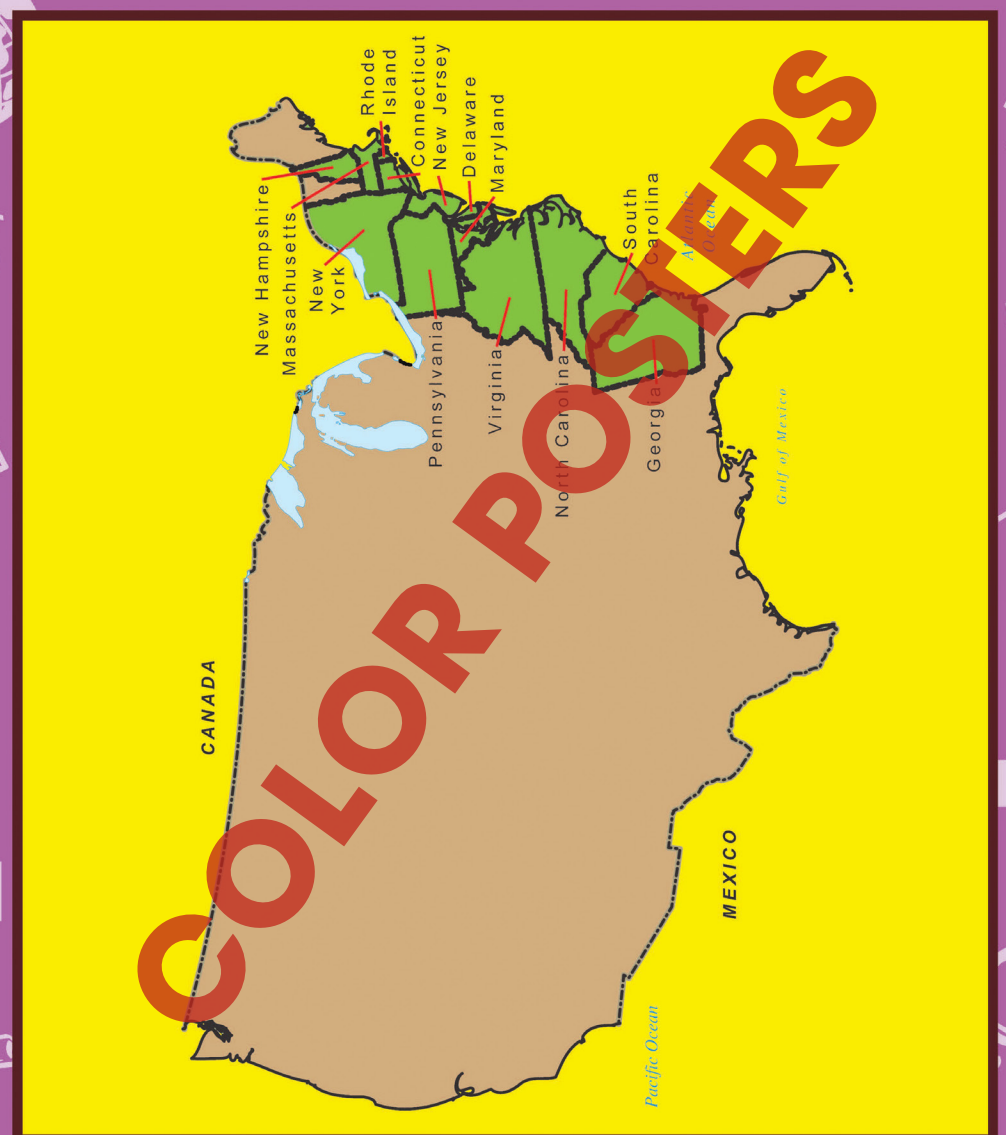
Part 2

Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- Britain made a law called the Proclamation Act in:
 A 1762.
 B 1763.
 C 1726.
 D 1736.
- The Townshend Duties put taxes on:
 A tea.
 B paint.
 C other shipped goods.
 D all of the above.
- During the war, America was helped by:
 A Spain.
 B France.
 C both A and B.
 D none of the above.
- George Washington was the Commander-in-chief of what army?
 A British Army
 B French Army
 C Colonial Army
 D Continental Army



The Thirteen Colonies





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- h) **FALSE**

3.

- a) Boston Massacre
- b) Tea Party
- c) Valley Forge
- d) Declaration of Independence
- e) Hancock
- f) French
- g) Patriot
- h) Yorktown

2.

- a) 4
- b) 2
- c) 1
- d) 6
- e) 3
- f) 7
- g) 5

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4.

Answers may vary.

5.

Answers may vary.

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY