

## Guided Study Questions: Reading, Vocabulary, and Review

### The American Revolution

Students will utilize the US History Review Videos, The [ABC US History Review Book](#), [A Nation Conceived in Liberty](#) review book, and their class notes Standards #3a- #3c (The causes of the American Revolution) to answer the Guided Study Questions (GSQs).

#### Standards Covered:

#### **SSUSH4 Analyze the ideological, military, social, and diplomatic aspects of the American Revolution.**

- a. Investigate the intellectual sources, organization, and argument of the Declaration of Independence including the role of Thomas Jefferson and the Committee of Five.
- b. Explain the reason for and significance of the French alliance and other foreign assistance including the diplomacy of Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.
- c. Analyze George Washington as a military leader, including but not limited to the influence of Baron von Steuben, the Marquis de LaFayette, and the significance of Valley Forge in the creation of a professional military.
- d. Investigate the role of geography at the Battles of Trenton, Saratoga, and Yorktown.
- e. Examine the roles of women, American Indians, and enslaved and free Blacks in supporting the war effort.
- f. Explain the significance of the Treaty of Paris, 1783.

#### Guided Reading Questions: Constitutional Era (complete for HW)

1. What was the role of the Committee of Five?
2. Define natural rights. How is John Locke's version of social contract theory linked to the movement for American Independence?
3. What are the three sections that the Declaration of Independence is organized into?
4. What role did Ben Franklin and John Adams play in securing allies for the Americans during the Revolution?
5. What were the weaknesses of the Americans and the Continental Army heading into the Revolutionary War?
6. How did the French contribute to the American Revolution? Who was key in securing their alliance?
7. Why was George Washington selected as the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army?
8. What was the significance of the Continental Army's winter at Valley Forge?
9. What role did Baron Von Steuben and Marquis de LaFayette play in the colonial war effort?
10. Explain the significance of each of the following battles from the American Revolution. Identify when the battle took place? Who won? How did the results of the battle impact the outcome of the American Revolution?
  - a. Battle of Trenton
  - b. Battle of Saratoga
  - c. Battle of Yorktown