**American Revolutionary War Packet**

**From Protest to War**

1. Name three methods used by the colonists to protest against the new acts and regulations

instituted by Britain after the French and Indian War.

2. Explain the importance and impact of the Stamp Act as it shaped the relationship between

colonists and Britain.

3. Explain the role of the Boston Massacre in the cause for revolution.

4. Pose an argument in favor of the colonists’ reaction to the Tea Act with the Boston Tea Party.

Next, make an argument against the colonists’ reaction to the Tea Act from the British point of

view.

5. What were the Coercive Acts? How did the colonists respond to the Coercive Acts? What was

another name for the Coercive Acts?

7. What is the historical importance of the Battle at Lexington and Concord?

8. Explain the role of the Second Continental Congress.

9. Until this time, colonists were still not seeking to separate with Britain; rather, they

continued to assert that they were “resisting tyranny,” but certainly not taking up arms

against the crown. It was at this time, January 1776, that a pamphlet entitled *Common Sense:*

*Addressed to the Inhabitants of America* was published and reached about 150,000 readers,

well over the few hundred that normally sold for political pamphlets of these days.

Who wrote the pamphlet?

Why do you think the pamphlet had the impact that it did in the colonies?

(Hint: Use your understanding of literary devices and persuasive speech/writing to help you

analyze the document excerpts.)

11. On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia announced his opinion in a persuasive

speech to the Continental Congress regarding separation from Britain.

What was the final decision by the delegates?

What message in Lee’s quote could have convinced some delegates to vote for separation

from Britain?

12. Who was the major author of the Declaration of Independence?

13. Analyze the excerpts from *Two Treatises on Government*. How did they influence the ideas

and writing of the Declaration of Independence?

14. Identify (list in comparison chart form) the advantages and disadvantages both the colonists

and the British faced at the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. Which side

appeared to have the better advantage? Explain.

15. What made Washington a good leader?

16. Identify loyalists, patriots, neutrals. How many people supported the war?