

# ***SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL***

## ***UNITED STATES HISTORY***

### ***STUDY GUIDE # 6: THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE***

#### ***LEARNING OBJECTIVES***

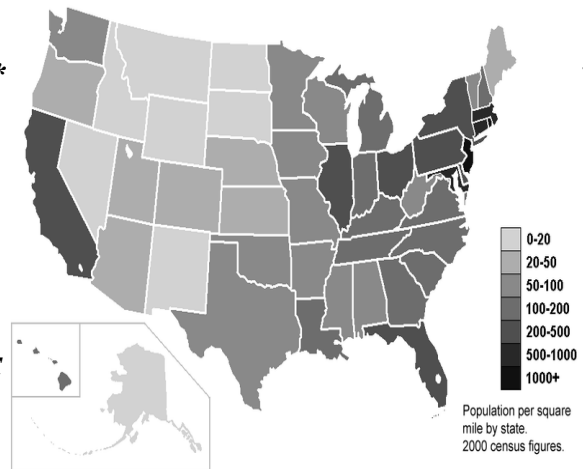
1. ***STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS AND EXPLAIN HOW THEY EFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR***
2. ***STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY , AND EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF , THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE WAR***
3. ***STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TERMS OF THE 1783 TREATY OF PARIS***
4. ***STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE IMPACT THAT THE WAR HAD ON THE WORLD , WOMEN , AFRICAN AMERICANS , AND NATIVE AMERICANS***



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#### ***CHART READING PRACTICE***

1. ***WHICH STATE HAS THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE ?***
2. ***NAME A STATE THAT HAS THE LOWEST CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE ?***



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***REVOLUTIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED OVERNIGHT > IT TOOK 8 YEARS ( 1775 - 1783 ) AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH !! WAR FACTS :***

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**“ MERCENARIES ” -**

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1. **“ BLOCKADES ” -**

2. **“ PROFITEERING ” -**



***“ NO PUNISHMENT IS TOO GREAT FOR THE MAN WHO BUILDS HIS WEALTH UPON HIS COUNTRY’S RUIN ” ~ GEORGE WASHINGTON***

3. **“ INFLATION ” -**



**BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE WAR :**

**1. “ THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD ” -**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > THE RIDE OF PAUL REVERE**

**\*\*\* NO NOTES > ENJOY THE BRAVERY OF REVERE**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BATTLE OF LEXINGTON**

**1. DO WE KNOW WHO FIRED THE FIRST SHOTS AT LEXINGTON ?**

**2. WHICH SIDE TOOK THE MOST LOSSES / DEATHS AT LEXINGTON ?**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BATTLE OF CONCORD**

**1. TRUE OR FALSE , PAUL REVERE HAD COMPLETED  
HIS RIDE TO CONCORD AND WARNED THE PATRIOTS**

**2. WHEN THE PATRIOT MILITIA ( MINUTEMEN ) SAW SMOKE RISING FROM  
CONCORD THEY ASSUMED THAT THE BRITISH WERE BURNING THEIR**

**\_\_\_\_\_ AND THEY BEGAN THEIR \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. WHO WON THE SMALL BATTLE OF CONCORD BRIDGE ?**

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**2. “ THE SIEGE OF BOSTON - APRIL 1775 TO MARCH 1776 ” -**

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**“ BUNKER AND BREED’S HILLS ” -**



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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > WASHINGTON TAKES  
COMMAND OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY**

1. TRUE OR FALSE , WASHINGTON KNEW ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE  
BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL BEFORE HE SET OUT TO TAKE COMMAND
2. TRUE OR FALSE , WASHINGTON'S PHYSICAL PRESENCE WAS AN  
IMPORTANT PART OF HIS LEADERSHIP IMAGE
3. TRUE OR FALSE , AT FIRST WASHINGTON WAS NOT CONFIDENT OF HIS  
ABILITY TO LEAD THE PATRIOTS
4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO WASHINGTON  
UPON REACHING THE TROOPS IN BOSTON ?

\_\_\_ LACK OF DISCIPLINE

\_\_\_ LACK OF GUN POWDER

\_\_\_ LACK OF CANNONS

\_\_\_ LACK OF MUSKETS ( GUNS )

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3. “ THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND AND RETREAT FROM NEW YORK ” -



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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BATTLE OF NEW YORK**

1. A WEEK AFTER THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THE \_\_\_\_\_  
FORCE THAT EVER SAILED FROM GREAT BRITAIN ARRIVED IN NEW  
YORK HARBOR

2. **THE BRITISH HAD HIRED 8,000 OF THE MOST FEARED SOLDIERS IN THE WORLD , THE HESSIANS FROM \_\_\_\_\_**
3. **WITHOUT A \_\_\_\_\_ , NEW YORK WAS THE WORST PLACE FOR A BATTLE**
4. **MOST OF WASHINGTON'S ARMY WAS MADE UP OF MILITIA MEN WHO WERE \_\_\_\_\_ AND UNTRIED / UNTESTED**
5. **TRUE OR FALSE , BESIDES PROFESSIONAL TROOPS , THE BRITISH HAD AN ADVANTAGE BECAUSE GENERAL HENRY CLINTON HAD GROWN UP IN NEW YORK AND HE KNEW THE TERRITORY**
6. **TRUE OR FALSE , AT THE BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND , THE PATRIOTS FOUGHT THEIR FIRST FORMAL BATTLE AND LOST**
7. **THERE WERE TWO THINGS THAT ALLOWED WASHINGTON AND THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TO ESCAPE :**
  1. **BRITISH GENERAL HOWE \_\_\_\_\_ TO ATTACK**
  2. **BAD \_\_\_\_\_ CAUSED A HALT IN THE FIGHTING**
8. **TRUE OR FALSE , AS WASHINGTON ABANDONED NEW YORK , HE CONSIDERED BURNING IT DOWN , BUT DID NOT . HOWEVER , 25 % OF THE CITY WAS BURNED DOWN BY THE PATRIOT UNDERGROUND**
9. **NATHAN HALE WAS A PATRIOT SPY WHO WAS CAUGHT AND IS KNOWN FOR HIS LAST WORDS BEFORE BEING HANGED FOR TREASON . HALE SAID THAT HE WAS SORRY THAT HE HAD ONLY ONE \_\_\_\_\_ TO GIVE FOR HIS \_\_\_\_\_**
10. **WASHINGTON WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE ONCE AGAIN WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TO \_\_\_\_\_ , HOWEVER , 25 % OF HIS ARMY WAS CAPTURED AT \_\_\_\_\_**
11. **AFTER TWO MONTHS OF RETREAT WASHINGTON FINALLY REACHED**

\_\_\_\_\_, NEW JERSEY

12. WITH WASHINGTON DESPONDENT AND DEPRESSED , HIS ARMY  
DESERTING , ENLISTMENTS EXPIRING AT THE END OF THE YEAR ,  
WASHINGTON HAD 13 DAYS TO PRODUCE A \_\_\_\_\_

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4. “ BATTLES OF TRENTON AND PRINCETON ” -

“ THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN’S SOULS ..... TYRANNY, LIKE HELL ,  
IS NOT EASILY CONQUERED ; YET WE HAVE THIS CONSOLATION WITH US ,  
THAT THE HARDER THE CONFLICT, THE MORE GLORIOUS THE TRIUMPH . ” ~  
THOMAS PAINE



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SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BATTLES OF TRENTON AND PRINCETON

1. THE HESSIAN’S GENERAL CALLED THE PATRIOT ARMY “ COUNTRY  
\_\_\_\_\_ ” AND HE MADE THE MISTAKE  
OF NOT FORTIFYING HIS OUTPOST AT TRENTON



2. ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT , WASHINGTON LAUNCHED ONE OF THE BOLDEST  
MANEUVERS IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE AS HE CROSSED THE  
DELAWARE \_\_\_\_\_ TO ATTACK TRENTON

3. HIS PASSWORD FOR THIS MILITARY ACTION WAS \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
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4. **TRUE OR FALSE , THE HESSIANS HAD BEEN WARNED OF THE PENDING ATTACK**
5. **IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP SOLDIERS , WASHINGTON OFFERED THEM A BONUS OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED**
6. **AFTER A PERSONAL APPEAL BY WASHINGTON MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ AGREED TO STAY ON FOR ANOTHER SIX WEEKS**
7. **LORD CORNWALLIS THOUGHT THAT HE HAD WASHINGTON TRAPPED OUTSIDE OF PRINCETON , BUT WHAT DECOY DID WASHINGTON USE TO FOOL HIM ?**
8. **WHO HEROICALLY LEAD THE PATRIOTS IN THE FIGHT TO VICTORY AT PRINCETON**
9. **THERE WERE TWO IMPACTS OF WASHINGTON'S CAMPAIGNS AT TRENTON AND PRINCETON :**
  1. **IMMEDIATE IMPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE TROOPS**
  2. **ABILITY TO \_\_\_\_\_ SOLDIERS FROM NEW JERSEY**

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5. **“ BATTLES OF BRANDYWINE CREEK, PHILADELPHIA, AND GERMANTOWN (ALL) IN SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ” -**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > VALLEY FORGE**



1. **WHAT PERCENTAGE OF WASHINGTON'S 10,000 TROOPS AT VALLEY FORGE WERE UNFIT FOR DUTY ?**
2. **WASHINGTON TRIED TO MODEL HIS ARMY LIKE THAT OF A \_\_\_\_\_ ARMY**

4. **TRUE OR FALSE , WASHINGTON HAD PROBLEMS WITH TROOP DISCIPLINE**
5. **WASHINGTON HAD ONLY \_\_\_\_ MONTHS TO CREATE AN ARMY**
6. **PRUSSIAN GENERAL BARON VON STEUBEN VOLUNTEERED FOR DUTY AND WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF TRAINING THE ARMY . WAS HE SUCCESSFUL ?**
7. **TRUE OR FALSE , BARON VON STEUBEN WAS AN IMPOSTOR**
8. **BECAUSE OF THE HARSH CONDITIONS BY EARLY MAY , \_\_\_\_\_ MEN HAD DIED AND \_\_\_\_\_ MORE HAD DESERTED**

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6. **“ BATTLE OF SARATOGA ( UPPER NEW YORK STATE ) ” -**

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#### **SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BATTLE OF SARATOGA**



1. **TRUE OR FALSE , IN THE FALL OF 1777 , THE BRITISH STRATEGY OF SPLITTING THE COLONIES IN HALF WAS SUCCEEDING**
2. **PATRIOT GENERAL GATES HAD GOTTEN THE SUPPORT OF THE LEGENDARY DANIEL MORGAN WHO WAS AN EXPERT WITH A RIFE , AND MORGAN TRAINED GATES ARMY**
3. **MORGAN AND HIS MEN ALSO USE BATTLE TACTICS LEARNED FROM THE \_\_\_\_\_**
4. **AT THE END OF THE DAY'S BATTLE ON FREEMAN'S FARM , THE BRITISH HELD THE FIELD BUT HAD LOST \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS TROOPS**
5. **TRUE OR FALSE , GENERAL GATES AND HIS TROOPS CUT OFF GENERAL BURGOYNE'S ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE AND SURROUNDED HIM AT SARATOGA WHERE HE SURRENDERED**

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7. “ FRENCH TREATY OF ALLIANCE - 1778 ” -

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > FRENCH TREATY OF ALLIANCE**

1. **WHO , FOR THE COLONISTS , NEGOTIATED THE ALLIANCE  
WITH FRANCE ?**

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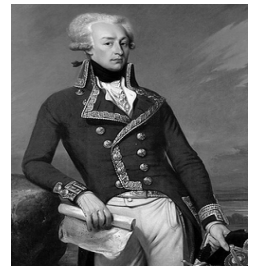
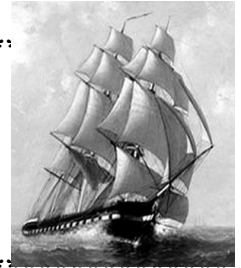
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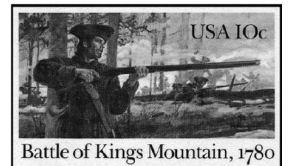
**LAFAYETTE**

8. “ BATTLES FOR GEORGIA AND THE CAROLINAS 1778 - 1781 ” -

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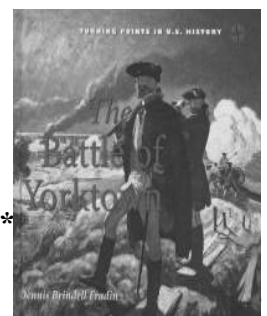
9. “ BATTLE OF YORKTOWN - OCTOBER 1781 ” -

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN**

**\*\* 2 : 35 INTRODUCTORY GAP**



1. **WOUNDED PATRIOT SOLDIERS AT THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN READOUT  
# 10 SURPRISE ATTACK , WOULD RECEIVE ONE OF THE MOST COVETED  
MEDALS FOR VALOR . WHAT IS THE MEDAL CALLED ?**
2. **TRUE OR FALSE , THE BRITISH REQUESTED A CEASE FIRE , BUT  
WASHINGTON REJECTED IT AND DEMANDED AN UNCONDITIONAL  
SURRENDER .**

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**THE TREATY OF PARIS - 1783 :**



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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > THE TREATY OF PARIS**

1. **BY THE SUMMER OF 1783 , WHO HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING PEACE TERMS  
WITH GREAT BRITAIN**
2. **HOW MANY LOYALISTS WOULD BECOME EXILES ?**
3. **TRUE OR FALSE , THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT A**

***THIRD WORLD NATION HAD SUCCEEDED IN A REVOLUTION AGAINST  
A GREAT EMPIRE***

***\*\*\* GAP IN NOTE TAKING > ENJOY THE STORY ABOUT WASHINGTON 'S  
RESIGNATION OF HIS COMMISSION***

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***IMPACT OF THE WAR ON :***

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***LEADERSHIP PROFILES :***

***BENEDICT ARNOLD > THE NAME SYNONYMOUS WITH “ TRAITOR ”***

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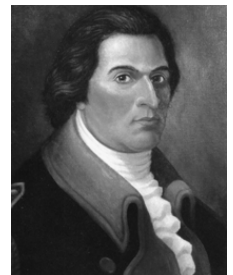
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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > BENEDICT ARNOLD**

**\*\*\* NO NOTES > JUST ENJOY THIS AMAZING STORY**

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**JOHN PAUL JONES**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > JOHN PAUL JONES**

**\*\*\* NO NOTES > JUST ENJOY THIS INTERESTING STORY**

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**ETHAN ALLEN**

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**SHORT SUBJECT VIDEO > REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS**

**\* NO NOTES > ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT THESE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS**