

## CHAPTER 9 STUDY GUIDE

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1.) What are some of the major decisions made by the Second Continental Congress?

Electing an army commander; Forming an army; Declaring independence

2.) How did Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* writings convince people to become independent?

It was written in a way that is easy to understand.

3.) What happened after so many people read *Common Sense*?

The Declaration of Independence was written.

4.) What is the main argument presented in the Declaration of Independence?

People (including Americans) are born with certain rights that cannot be taken away.

5.) What did the Declaration of Independence say about England?

The colonists believed that the king had abused his powers.

6.) Why was it dangerous for the colonists to sign the Declaration of Independence?

They would be considered traitors by Britain.

7.) How did General Washington force the British troops out of Boston?

Washington placed his cannons on top of high hills above the city. This was a clear advantage.

8.) How did the American victory at the Battle of Trenton affect Americans?

It renewed their hope that they might still win the war.

9.) How did the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga affect the War?

It persuaded France to join the war as an American ally.

10.) How did African Americans help the patriots?

They fought for America in almost every battle of the war.

11.) Who was Prince Hall?

He led the struggle to end slavery during the Revolutionary War.

12.) What are some contributions that women made to the Revolutionary War effort?

Repaired clothing and knitted socks; Delivered water and food to the troops; Wrote poetry to convince others to help

13.) How did Von Steuben help the Continental Army?

He trained the soldiers into a more disciplined force.

14.) Which two other European countries helped the Americans fight the British?

France and Spain

15.) How were George Rogers Clark and John Paul Jones similar?

They were determined to win and they would not give up.

16.) What helped General Washington win the Battle of Yorktown?

The French navy helped block British ships from helping their troops.

17.) What was the effect of the American victory at Yorktown?

The Revolutionary War was over. The Americans had won.