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**Vocabulary**

Second Continental Congress

Battle of Bunker Hill

Olive Branch Petition

Hessians

*Common Sense*

Declaration of Independence

Declaration of the Rights of Man

Loyalists

Patriots

Battle of Long Island

Battle of Trenton

Battle of Saratoga

Model Treaty

Armed Neutrality

Treaty of Fort Stanwix

Privateers

Battle of Yorktown

Treaty of Paris

**Reading Questions**

1. What actions does the Second Continental Congress take? Which one is the most important?
2. What made Washington such a gifted leader? Why, in reality, did the Congress pick him to command the army?
3. What is the significance of battles like Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and Bunker Hill?
4. Why does the use of Hessians by the British disturb the colonists?
5. How does the invasion of Canada change the war? Why does it fail?
6. What is the significance/main idea of Thomas Paine’s pamphlet *Common Sense*?
7. Describe Paine’s idea of a republic. Why do some disagree with Paine’s remarkably democratic view of a republic?
8. What is Richard Henry Lee’s motion? When was it adopted?
9. What are the main ideas of the Declaration of Independence?
10. What did Loyalists in the American colonies face during and after the American Revolution? Where were most Loyalists found?
11. Following his defeat at the Battle of Long Island, how does Washington get momentum back on the side of the Colonists?
12. What is the significance of Benedict Arnold’s tactics at Lake Champlain? (Look at the big picture of what happens with Burgoyne and Howe!)
13. What is the significance of the Battle of Saratoga?
14. What were the basic principles of the Model Treaty?
15. Why is the eventual treaty with France not exactly what the American colonies want?
16. What is the significance of the Armed Neutrality?
17. How does France’s entrance into the conflict change the war for the British?
18. What successes do the British have in the South from 1778 to 1780? When does the tide begin to turn?
19. What is the significance of the Treaty of Fort Stanwix?
20. What naval successes were Americans having during the war?
21. How does Cornwallis’ defeat at Yorktown happen?
22. What were the terms of the Treaty of Paris (1783)? Why did the British give up so much?