

Declaring Independence Quiz Study Guide

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Circle the correct answer:

1. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

- A. To declare America's independence from Great Britain
- B. To invite the French to join the United States in its war against Great Britain
- C. To settle terms of peace at the end of the American Revolution
- D. To create a government for the 13 United States

2. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A. John Adams
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. Thomas Paine

3. Who was the King of Great Britain during the Revolutionary War?

- A. George III (3rd)
- B. Louis XVI (16th)
- C. James I (1st)
- D. Charles II (2nd)

4. What was the army formed by the Second Continental Congress that would defend the colonies as a whole?

- A. Army of the Potomac
- B. Army of Northern Virginia
- C. Confederate Army
- D. Continental Army

5. Who was an American who remained loyal to the British government?

- A. Son of Liberty
- B. Patriot
- C. Rebel
- D. Loyalist

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6. Who was an American who supported independence from Britain?

- A. Tory
- B. Patriot
- C. Loyalist
- D. Redcoat

7. What is the first part, or introduction, of a document?

- A. Annex
- B. Preamble
- C. Epilogue
- D. Summary

8. On what date was the Declaration of Independence approved by the Second Continental Congress?

- A. October 12, 1492
- B. February 22, 1732
- C. January 8, 1815
- D. July 4, 1776

9. Whose signature on the Declaration of Independence was the first and largest?
(We still use his name as a term meaning a signature)

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. John Hancock
- D. George Washington

10. At which location did the Americans capture badly needed supplies of cannon (around 50) and gunpowder at the beginning of the war?

- A. Long Island
- B. Quebec
- C. Kings Mountain
- D. Fort Ticonderoga

11. On a separate sheet of paper write your name and section and answer the following question, using at least three examples:

Were the Americans who rebelled against Great Britain during the American Revolution traitors?

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Answers:

1. A. To declare America's independence from Great Britain
2. C. Thomas Jefferson
3. A. George III (3)
4. D. Continental Army
5. D. Loyalist
6. B. Patriot
7. B. Preamble
8. D. July 4, 1776
9. C. John Hancock
10. D. Fort Ticonderoga