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The Revolutionary War Unit Review Study Guide

Part 1: Causes of the Revolution- Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks below.

legal authority	Declaration of Independence	taxing	people
life	liberty	pursuit of happiness	local assemblies
	taxation without representation	equal	

- Conflict between Great Britain and the colonies began when they disagreed about who had legal authority, or power to make laws and rule the colonies and taxing the colonists without representation in Parliament.
- Thomas Jefferson wrote an important document called the Declaration of Independence.
- People in the colonies felt that only the local assemblies had authority to make their laws and rule the colonies, not Parliament.
- The colonists believed that taxing them was unfair because they believed in no taxation without representation.
- According to the Declaration of Independence, all men are created equal.
- The Declaration of Independence states that authority to govern belongs to the people rather than the kings.

7. According to the Declaration of Independence, all people have rights of

life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Part 2: People of the Revolution- Match each person with his or her contributions during the Revolutionary War.

1. G They were the Virginians who remained loyal to Great Britain.

2. D He was an enslaved African American from Virginia who served in the Continental Army and successfully requested his freedom after the war.

3. E They took on more responsibility during the war to support the war effort.

4. I They were the Virginians who did not take sides during the war.

5. F They fought for a better chance of freedom.

6. A He provided strong military leadership by serving as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

7. B He provided political leadership by expressing the reasons for colonial independence from Great Britain when he wrote the Declaration of Independence.

8. H They were Virginians who served in the Continental Army and fought against the English.

9. J They fought for independence in the American Revolution.

10. C He inspired patriots from other colonies when he spoke out against taxation without representation by saying, "...give me liberty or give me death."

11. K They fought alongside both the Virginia patriots and the British.

A. George Washington

B. Thomas Jefferson

C. Patrick Henry

D. James Lafayette

E. women

F. enslaved African Americans

G. loyalists

H. patriots

I. neutral

J. free African Americans

K. American Indians

Part 3: Short Answer- Answer each question below.

1. What does taxation without representation mean?

Taxation without representation means that the colonists were forced to pay taxes even though they didn't have anyone to speak for them! (No one represented them in Parliament.)

2. What did Great Britain and the colonies disagree over?

Great Britain and the colonies disagreed over taxes (Stamp Act) and legal authority.

3. Name 3 ways that Virginians aided the war effort during the Revolutionary War.

Enslaved African Americans fought for a better change for freedom. Free African Americans fought for Independence. Women took on more responsibilities.

4. Why is the 4th of July considered the birthday of the United States?

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, 1776.

5. List three reasons the capital of Virginia moved from Williamsburg to Richmond.

- The population of Virginia was moving westward.
- Richmond was a more central location.
- Moving the capital to Richmond increased the distance from attack by the British.

6. What was the name of the first land battle of the American Revolution fought in Virginia and won by the colonists, that forced the British colonial governor to flee the City of Norfolk?

The Battle of Great Bridge

7. What was the name of the man who rode on horseback through the backwoods of Virginia to

Charlottesville to warn Virginia's governor, Thomas Jefferson, that the British were coming to arrest him and members of the General Assembly? Jack Jouett

8. Where did the American victory occur, that resulted in the surrender of the British army, and led to the end of the war? Yorktown, Virginia