

American Revolution

A Semiquincentennial Quiz

1. Name the conflict between British and French in America that led up to the American Revolution: _____
2. Name any two of the laws passed by the British Parliament to tax the American colonies:

3. What slogan did the Americans adopt to protest these Acts of Parliament?

4. What were the two key protest events in Boston that led to the outbreak of the Revolution?

5. Who said "Give me liberty, or give me death!"? _____
6. What was the name of the 1774 meeting in Carpenter Hall, Philadelphia, that adopted a Declaration of Rights, formed a Continental Association and made the key decision to meet again the following year? _____
7. Who rode out to warn the Americans? _____
8. Who wrote a famous poem memorized by school children? What is the name of the poem?

9. On what date did the first battle of the American Revolution take place? _____
10. Name the two towns where the fighting occurred: _____
11. What date did John Adams think would be the date America declared its independence?

12. Name the two signatures affixed to the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July:

13. When did most of the delegates actually sign the Declaration? _____
14. On what hill north of Boston was the "Battle of Bunker Hill" actually fought?

15. Who was named commander of the American Army? _____

16. What famous quote did Nathan Hale say before he was executed by the British as an American spy on September 22, 1776?

17. What river did the American Army cross on Christmas Day, 1776, to attack British and Hessian forces in Trenton, N.J.?

18. Name the British commander in Detroit during the Revolution. (Hint: the capital city of Bermuda is named after him.).

19. Name the key 1777 battle that is considered the turning point leading to American success.

20. Who was the American military leader at the Battle of Saratoga who later became a traitor? What is unique about his statue at the battlefield?

21. Where was the final major battle of the American Revolution fought?

22. Name the British and American commanders at the battle:

23. What was the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War? When was it signed?

24. Michigan was part of a large land area acquired by the new United States in the treaty. What name was given to the region?

25. In what city is a new museum opened that tells the story of the American Revolution? What is the name of the museum?

For answers, visit MCHE website at at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>

Answers to The American Revolution A Semiquincentennial Quiz

1. French and Indian War (1754-1763), also known as the Seven Years War in Europe (1756-1763), or the Great War for Empire
2. Sugar Act (1764) Currency Act (1764) Quartering Act (1765) Stamp Act (1765) Declaratory Act (1766) Townshend Acts (1767) Tea Act (1773) Intolerable (Coercive) Acts (1774); For more info, see "10 Acts Leading to The American Revolution" at <https://medium.com/countdown-education/10-acts-leading-to-the-american-revolution-45c61e5aacda>
3. "No taxation without representation"
4. Boston Massacre (1770) and Boston Tea Party (1773)
5. Patrick Henry on March 23, 1775, at St. John's Church in Richmond VA
6. First Continental Congress
7. Four men and one woman made late night rides, alerting the early Americans of what dangers lay ahead. They were Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, Israel Bissell, William Dawes, and Sybil Ludington.
8. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere"
9. April 19, 1775
10. Lexington and Concord
11. Referring to July 2, 1776, John wrote his wife Abigail Adams that July 2nd "will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. "
12. John Hancock, President of the Second Continental Congress, and Charles Thomson, Congress secretary.
13. Most of the 56 signatories affixed their names on August 2, 1776, with others signing over the next several years
14. Breeds' Hill in Charlestown, a short walk from Bunker Hill and north of the Charles River, across from Boston
15. George Washington

16. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country. (To see a schoolhouse where Nathan Hale taught, visit New London, CT)
17. Delaware River
18. Henry Hamilton
19. Battle of Saratoga, September-October 1777
20. Benedict Arnold's role at the Battle of Saratoga is commemorated by "The Boot Monument." The sculpture of a boot symbolizes the leg wound he incurred and his service to the American cause, but does not name him.
21. Yorktown, Virginia, from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
22. George Washington (American) and Comte de Rochambeau (French) versus Lord Charles Cornwallis (British)
23. The Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783.
24. The Northwest Territory -Five states: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin along with part of Minnesota were established from this area.
25. Philadelphia...Museum of the American Revolution To learn more, visit <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>

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