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Socials 9

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Use Crossroads pp. 304-307 to answer these questions.

1. What was America fighting for? (critical thinking question – don't look in the book!)
2. What was decided at the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1774?
3. Which side is believed to have started the American Revolution? How did each side fare in the first battle at Lexington Green?
4. Why did British citizens think the Thirteen Colonies were justified in starting a war against Britain?
5. Why was it so important for the Thirteen Colonies to have a strong military?

6. Identify 2 reasons why the Thirteen Colonies attacked Quebec in 1775.

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7. Citizens of Quebec (New France) and Nova Scotia (Acadia) were not always treated fairly by the British. Why do you think they chose to side with the British during the American Revolution instead of joining the Thirteen Colonies? (critical thinking question!)

8. At the outset of the revolution, what did the American leaders want? Does this match what was proposed in the Declaration of Independence in 1776 (be sure to look at p. 307)? Explain.

9. How did the British respond to the Declaration of Independence?

10. Why were the Americans able to win the war?

11. Patriots were people who supported the American Revolution and independence from Britain. Loyalists were those who supported Britain and wanted the Thirteen Colonies to remain a British colony. What do you think happened to the Loyalists after the Patriots won the revolution – make 3 predictions.

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