

Chapter 6 Study Sheet

The New Republic, 1775-1820

Terms and Identifications: Analyze the following terms; include historical context, chronology, drawing conclusions, and cause/effect *where appropriate*. Each identification is worth one extra credit point; pick the terms you need the most help with to understand. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach to study sheet. You may have your identifications with you to refer to while taking your quiz.

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| 1. | Battle of New York City | 2. | Declaration of Independence |
| 3. | First Continental Congress | 4. | Second Continental Congress |
| 5. | Iroquois Confederacy | 6. | Jefferson, Thomas |
| 7. | Lexington-Concord | 8. | loyalists, Tories |
| 9. | Peace of Paris, 1783 | 10. | Saratoga |
| 11. | Trenton | 12. | Washington, George |
| 13. | Yorktown | | |

Thought Questions: While you are reading the chapter for the first time, write down a couple questions or observations that come to mind for class discussion. These thoughts could be about ideas you do not understand or ideas you find curious or interesting.

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Short Answer: The following short-answer exercises will help you to assess your comprehension of the major themes of your reading. Before you begin, review the material in each section (bolded below) of your textbook. When you are ready, write a brief paragraph-length response to each of the questions.

Toward Independence, 1775-1776

1. How would you characterize relations between Patriots, Loyalists, and the British government during the fourteen months after the Battle of Concord and before the publication of Common Sense, and what were the key military and economic flash points that pushed many Americans to support the rebellion?

2. Why were Common Sense and the Declaration of Independence so effective in mobilizing public opinion in favor of rebellion?

3. How did economic and religious factors in Philadelphia help to mobilize popular opinion against King George III?

Voices from Abroad: Common Sense

1. On what grounds does Paine argue for American independence? Where do you see the influence of Enlightenment thinking in his argument?

The Trials of War, 1776-1778.

1. How did the Continental army avoid surrender in the first year of the war despite the overwhelming superiority of the British forces?

2. Why was the Continental Congress so unsuccessful in financing the war?

3. How did the victory at Saratoga illustrate British weaknesses and American strengths in the war as a whole?

The Path to Victory, 1778-1783

1. What were France's motives in deciding to join the Americans in the war against Great Britain?
2. How did British domestic politics and international affairs affect relations between the British government and the Continental Congress during 1777 to 1778?
3. During 1780, British forces scored victory after victory in their southern campaign. In October 1781, the main British force surrendered without a fight at Yorktown. What changes had occurred to account for the American victory?

Republicanism Defined and Challenged

1. How did the American military and civilians live up to the ideals of republicanism, and what undermined their efforts?
2. What role did women play during the war, and how did their actions affect their role in society after the war?
3. How did the American Revolution affect white Americans' attitudes toward slavery?