American Revolution Benchmark Test Review

1. Why were 10,000 British soldiers stationed in the colonies in 1763? (157-158)

2. Why did British troops march to from Boston to Lexington in April 1775? (174)

3. What was the Stamp Act and why did Great Britain issue this tax? (158)

4. Explain the Tea Act and the Boston Tea Party. (166)

5. What two things did the Second Continental Congress agree to create in 1776? (180-181)

6. Which two battles mark the start of the American Revolution? (174)

7. According to the Declaration of Independence, if a government fails to protect the rights of the people, those people can… (183)

8. The first time that the colonies united to oppose British policy was in response to this act of Parliament. (158)

9. Who was Patrick Henry? (158)

10. How did the colonies respond to the Intolerable Acts? (171)

11. Explain what happened at the Boston Massacre. (163-164)

12. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence? (181)

13. Who was the commanding general of the Continental Army?

14. Leader of the Sons of Liberty? (165)

15. Which acts did Britain pass after the Boston Tea Party to punish Massachusetts? (170)
16. What were Paul Revere and William Dawes role prior to the Battles of Lexington and Concord? (173-174)

17. In September of 1774 what did the First Continental Congress decide to do in response to the Intolerable Acts? (171)

18. What are some of the basic rights that all people are entitled to under the Declaration of Independence? (182)

19. The author of Common Sense. (180)

20. After a series of defeats who led a surprise attack against the Hessians on December 25, 1776 in Trenton, New Jersey? (199)

21. In 1776, what country began to give aid to the Americans, after the Battle of Saratoga? (206)

22. The last major battle of the war ended when Cornwallis surrendered his force of about 8,000 at what place? (216)

23. What treaty ended the Revolutionary War? (224)

24. Who was the commander of the Continental Army? (197)

25. Which British general surrendered to the Continental Army as a result of the Battles of Saratoga? (201)

26. After the victory at Saratoga, what king recognized the independence of the Colonies? (206)

27. Difficulties faced by General Washington and the Continental Army at the start of the war. (197)

28. Who helped to train Washington’s soldiers at Valley Forge? (209)

29. What did America gain by winning the war? (225)

30. Explain Ben Franklin’s role in the war.