

Part Two, The Making of America:

Lesson 8: General Washington's Worst Ordeal

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[for Sunday, December 21, 2014]

Reading: The Making of America, pages 87-108

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PRE-LESSON QUESTIONS FOR HOMEWORK STUDY AND REVIEW:

1. HOW DID AMERICAN AND BRITISH FORCES MEET AT BRANDYWINE?(PAGES 87-88)

Attempts to Save Philadelphia

- o Howe moves up thru Chesapeake Bay

WHO WON?

- o Beats Washington at Brandywine

- Howe settles in to rest

2. EXPLAIN HOW MORE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS AND BETTER RECONNAISSANCE MIGHT HAVE ENDED THE WAR AT GERMANTOWN. (89)

- o Beats Washington at Germantown

- better training could have ended the war

3. DESCRIBE THE MISERY ENDURED BY THE AMERICA TROOPS AT VALLEY FORGE DURING THE WINTER OF 1777. (90-92)

- o 20 miles to winter at Valley Forge

- o Congress

- fled (Philadelphia)

- no power

- o Farmers sold to British for hard cash (quote)

- o 3000 deserted, 2000 died, 200 officers resigned (quote)

- o fire-cakes for 6 weeks -flour, water & salt

4. WHAT GREAT OPPORTUNITY DID GENERAL WASHINGTON SEE AS THE BRITISH TROOPS LEFT PHILADELPHIA?(92-93)

- o Good News-

- French had become allies

- Baron VonSteuben provided training

- o Prisoner exchange - General Lee returned

- Secretly plotted with British

Hope to End the War

- o British abandoned Philadelphia

- headed for New York

- stretched out for miles on road

TELL HOW THE TRAITOROUS ACTS OF CHARLES LEE AT MONMOUTH PREVENTED AN EARLY END TO THE WAR.

- o Washington planned attack at Monmouth

- Lee argued against, but lead advance regiment

- Lee retreated!

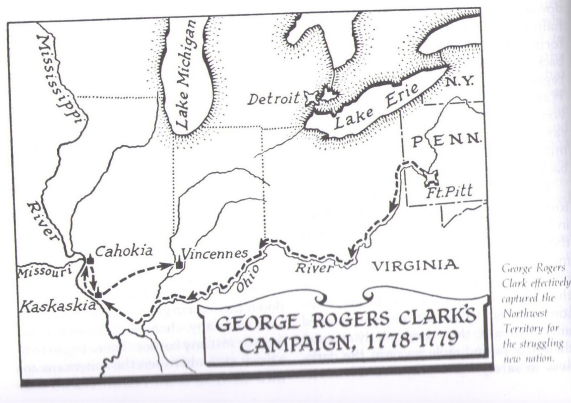
- Furious Washington stopped retreat but lost surprise edge

5. WHAT DASTARDLY TECHNIQUE DID THE BRITISH WAR OFFICE ENGAGE IN ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER? (94-95)

-War continued

Two Years of Terror

o Mobilize Indians against Americans (quote)



WHO WAS SENT TO DEAL WITH THESE TERRORIST OPERATIONS?

o Colonel Henry Hamilton – the “hair-buyer”

o George Rogers Clark beat Hamilton and took Vincennes (quote)

6. WHAT EVENT IN 1779 COMPLICATED BRITAIN'S EFFORTS TO MAKE WAR ON THE UNITED STATES? (95)

[Spain Declares War on Britain, June 16, 1779.]

7. DESCRIBE THE VIRTUAL ABANDONMENT OF WASHINGTON BY LEADERS OF THE CONFEDERATION WHILE AMERICAN FORCES SUFFERED AT

MORRISTOWN IN 1779-80. (96)

Morristown

o 1779-1780

o Worse than Valley Forge (quote)

8. TELL HOW GENERAL HORATIO GATES BECAME COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHERN FORCES, AND DESCRIBE HIS COWARDLY ACTION AT CAMDEN. (97-99)

Southern Battles (p95f)

o Camden

-Gates in charge

-Americans were twice as many

HIS COWARDLY ACTION : No bayonet training

-Federal troops medicinal molasses which caused diarrhea.

-Americans lost

9. WHAT WAS THE REASON BENEDICT ARNOLD BETRAYED THE AMERICAN CAUSE? (99)

Benedict Arnold

-Tory wife [British loyalists]

-felt snubbed by Congress

o Deserted to British for 10,000 pounds and a general's commission.

o Plot uncovered by capture of British spy John Andre.

o Washington hanged John Andre remembering Nathan Hale

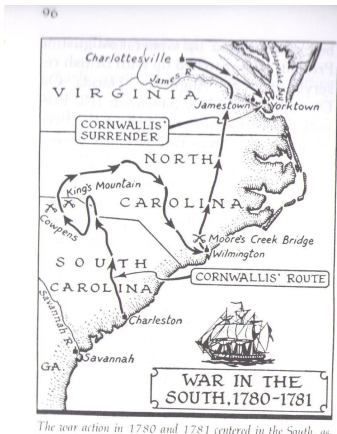
10. WHAT BOAST DID BRITISH MAJOR FERGUSON MAKE ATOP KING'S MOUNTAIN THAT PROVED TO BE DISASTROUS? (100)

King's Mountain

o British took

o Proclaimed no American nor even God can't take back!

o Americans removed and killed him! [Bible observation: 'blasphemy' Rabshekah-Isaiah]



11. EXPLAIN WHAT FEELINGS EXISTED IN EARLY 1781 THAT ALMOST CAUSED THE LOSS OF THE ENTIRE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. (101)

[A spirit of mutiny spread over American troops.]

12. TELL OF THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT AMERICAN FORCES TO YORKTOWN, AND OF THE MIRACULOUS OCCURRENCE THAT RESULTED IN THE SURRENDER OF THE BRITISH. (102-4)



The final great battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781.

Yorktown [Battle of](p 102)

- o French fleet at Chesapeake Bay
- o Cornwallis to the York river
- o Washington saw opportunity to trap Cornwallis [map p103]

MIRACULOUS OCCURRENCE:

- o A hurricane blew the British boats back to the bank.
- o Cornwallis: **God on Washington's side!** [event demoralized British, next 1 ½ yrs UK lost will to win!]

13. OUTLINE THE HORRIFYING CONTENTS OF THE LETTER FROM COLONEL LEWIS NICOLA TO GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON IN MAY 1782. WHAT WAS WASHINGTON'S REPLY? (105-6)

“King George I” of America?

- o Soldiers felt betrayed – no pay, bad food, no thanks.
- o Asked Washington to become King George I of America.

WASHINGTON'S REPLY:

- o Washington: Worse thing of the whole war.

14. TELL ABOUT WASHINGTON'S MOMENTOUS SPEECH IN MARCH 1783 IN RESPONSE TO A CALL FOR MILITARY REVOLT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. (106)

Back to Mount Vernon

- o Treaty – February 3, 1783

[“...permit me to put on my spectacles...I have...grown...blind in the service of my country” – The military revolt melted away in tears. “The whole American experiment hung on this one speech in Newburgh, NY” – p 106 col 2]

15. WHAT DID WASHINGTON FEEL WAS DESPERATELY NEEDED AT THIS TIME? HOW AND WHEN DID THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR FORMALLY END? (106-8)

[Needed: A Constitutional Convention, because there was again a call for a Monarchy!]

- o British left New York on November 25, 1783 [Peace Treaty]
- o December 4, Washington bids farewell. [picture, p.107]
- o December 23, he reported to Congress and resigned his commission [begun, 1776]
- o December 24, arrives home, never wanting to leave again.

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QUIZ - LESSON 8

1. WASHINGTON LOST BATTLES AT BRANDYWINE AND GERMANTOWN IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF A BRITISH

INVASION OF _____

2. RATHER THAN SUPPORT THE WAR EFFORT, AMERICAN FARMERS CHOSE TO SELL THEIR CROPS TO THE

3. AT VALLEY FORGE, SOLDIERS HAD ONLY _____ TO EAT WHICH WAS MADE WITH

4. WHAT FRENCHMAN HELPED TRAIN THE ARMY AT VALLEY FORGE? _____

5. WASHINGTON SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEAT THE BRITISH AND POSSIBLY END THE WAR AT

6. WHO BETRAYED WASHINGTON AT THIS POINT?

7. WHAT TERRORIST ACTIVITY DID THE BRITISH ENCOURAGE OUT WEST? _____

8. WHO BEAT THE BRITISH AT VINCENNES? _____

9. A MUCH HARSHER WINTER WAS ENDURED BY WASHINGTON'S MEN AT THE NEXT WINTER AT

10. GIVE ONE REASON GATES ARMY LOST THE BATTLE AT CAMDEN. _____

11. WHO BETRAYED WASHINGTON BY SELLING SECRETS TO THE BRITISH SPY JOHN ANDRE?

12. WHAT UNWISE CLAIM DID THE BRITISH MAJOR MAKE ON TOP OF KING'S MOUNTAIN?

13. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN CORNWALLIS TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM YORKTOWN?

14. WHAT OFFER DID WASHINGTON'S MEN MAKE TO HIM AFTER THE WAR? _____

15. WHERE DID WASHINGTON GO AFTER HE RESIGNED HIS COMMISSION AND WHAT WAS HIS WISH?
