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American Revolution Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What did colonists mean by “no taxation without representation”?

- (A) They should not be taxed unless the king came to visit the colonies
- (B) They should not be taxed more than people living in France or Spain
- (C) They should not be taxed until the war with France had been paid for
- (D) They should not be taxed by a government they had no vote in

2. What did colonists do at the Boston Tea Party in 1773?

- (A) Burned a British tea ship at the dock to protest a tax
- (B) Threw British tea into Boston Harbor to protest a tax
- (C) Blocked British tea ships from entering Boston Harbor
- (D) Sent British tea ships back to London to protest a tax

3. Where were the first shots of the Revolution fired?

- (A) Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia
- (B) Saratoga and Ticonderoga, New York
- (C) Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts
- (D) Trenton and Princeton, New Jersey

4. On what date was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- (A) September 3, 1783
- (B) April 19, 1775
- (C) December 25, 1776
- (D) July 4, 1776

5. Which American victory helped convince France to join the war?

(A) The Battle of Bunker Hill
(B) The Battle of Trenton
(C) The Battle of Saratoga
(D) The Battle of Yorktown

6. Why was the winter at Valley Forge important?

(A) Washington's army trained and grew stronger
(B) Washington's army won a major battle there
(C) The Declaration of Independence was signed there
(D) The British army surrendered to Washington there

7. What happened at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781?

(A) The American army retreated, giving up the southern colonies
(B) The British army surrendered, ending most of the fighting
(C) The British army captured Washington and most of his officers
(D) The French army arrived, joining the war for the first time

8. What did the Treaty of Paris of 1783 do?

(A) Recognized the United States as an independent nation
(B) Recognized France as the ruler of the thirteen colonies
(C) Returned the thirteen colonies to British rule for ten years
(D) Divided the thirteen colonies between Britain and Spain

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American Revolution Quiz: Answer Key

1. **D** They should not be taxed by a government they had no vote in

2. **B** Threw British tea into Boston Harbor to protest a tax

3. **C** Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts

4. **D** July 4, 1776

5. **C** The Battle of Saratoga

6. **A** Washington's army trained and grew stronger

7. **B** The British army surrendered, ending most of the fighting

8. **A** Recognized the United States as an independent nation



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