**KEY QUESTIONS AS YOU READ**

1. Why was George Washington picked as commander of the Continental army?
2. What was the impact of the American invasion of Canada in 1775?
3. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
4. What was radical and new in the Declaration of Independence, and what was old and traditional? What did statements like “all men are created equal” mean in their historical context, and what did they come to mean later?
5. What was necessary for a republican government to be successful?
6. How much of the population supported independence early in the movement?
7. Briefly identify each major event by telling me who fought in them, what is its significance and who won? Also put the following terms in chronological order:

* Battle of Yorktown, Second Continental Congress, Battle of Saratoga, Battle of Bunker Hill, Siege of Charleston, Common Sense, Declaration of Independence, Lexington & Concord, Battle of Long Island, Battles of Trenton & Princeton

1. What happened to Loyalists during and after the war?
2. What type of people were most likely to be Loyalist?
3. What did Loyalists do to help the British?
4. What was France’s role in American independence and why did they take this position?
5. What were the Indian’s role in American independence and why did they take this position?
6. What were the terms of the Treaty of Paris of 1783?
7. How did negotiations surrounding the Treaty of Paris of 1783 reveal tensions between America and her allies?
8. Was military strategy or politics the key to American victory in the war? How did the two coincide?
9. What has the Revolution meant to later generations of Americans, including our own? Do we still think of the United States as a revolutionary nation? Why or why not?

**MAKERS OF AMERICA QUESTIONS**

1. Why have the Loyalists been largely forgotten in American historical memory? Do they deserve to be better known? Do you agree with the text that they were often “tragic” figures?
2. Did the Loyalists act primarily out of conviction and feelings of patriotism toward Britain, or out of self-interest?
3. Did the Loyalists deserve to be persecuted and driven out of the country? What difference does it make to understand the Revolution as a civil war between Americans as well as a war against the British?
4. If you had been an African-American, free or slave, in 1776, would you have tried to back the Patriot cause or the Loyalist cause? Why?

**KEY TERMINOLOGY & PEOPLE**

**Briefly define and/or describe the significance of each term and person**

1. Olive Branch Petition
2. Loyalist
3. Tory
4. Patriot
5. Sons of Liberty
6. “Model Treaty”
7. Armed Neutrality League
8. Treaty of Fort Stanwix
9. privateer
10. Guerilla war
11. Battle of Long Island
12. Battle of Trenton
13. Richard Henry Lee
14. General John Burgoyne
15. Thomas Paine
16. General Charles Cornwallis
17. Abigail Adams
18. General Nathanael Green
19. General William Howe
20. George Rogers Clark
21. John Paul Jones
22. Benjamin Franklin
23. Patrick Henry
24. General Rochambeau
25. Marquis de Lafayette
26. Benedict Arnold
27. Joseph Brant
28. Identification Terms