

US Comprehensive Final Quiz Sheet

How did the first Americans get here during the Ice Age?	They crossed Beringia. Ice Age oceans were lower and they could cross the what is now the Bering Strait.
What was the main reason for European exploration?	To find a water route to Asia so they could get expensive goods. Spices, porcelain, silk.
In what year did Columbus make it to the Americas?	1492
What was the Columbian Exchange?	The exchange of foods, animals, and diseases between the Americas and the Old World
What were the three main American civilizations before Columbus? Where did each live?	Maya, Yucatan Peninsula Aztec, Southern Mexico Inca, Chile and Peru
What was the motivation for settling Jamestown, why is it important and when was it settled?	It was a for-profit colony. First British settlement in North America. 1607.
What was the Pilgrims motivation for settling in Plymouth, when did they settle?	Religious colony. 1620.
Why was the Mayflower Compact important?	First written system of self-government in colonies.
Name two characteristics of the New England Colonies.	-bad soil for farming -many rivers to run waterwheels for manufacturing -large shipbuilding industry -many small towns
Name two characteristics of the Middle Colonies.	-most diverse population of the three regions -large cities -grew cash crops, but also had industries -large immigrant population
Name two characteristics of the Southern Colonies.	-Cash crops mostly grown -Large slave plantations -large slave population -less industry and commerce than other colonies
What started the French and Indian War?	British colonists moving into the Ohio Valley.
Name 3 results or consequences of the French and Indian War.	Proclamation of 1763 angered colonists. French lost North American colonies. British took on a lot of debt during the war. British kept soldiers in colonies after the war.
How did the French and Indian War contribute to the American Revolution?	British debt from the war needed to be paid off. The British wanted to force the Americans to pay taxes set by Parliament.
What was the Stamp Act? Why did the British impose it on the colonies?	It taxed paper goods in the colonies. The British wanted the colonies to help pay off the debts from the French and Indian War.
What was the American reaction to the Stamp Act?	They boycotted British goods and harassed tax collectors.
What was the Declaratory Act?	It declared that Parliament could pass whatever laws it wanted to in the colonies. It was passed after the repeal of the Stamp Act.
Describe the Boston Massacre?	British soldiers fired into a crowd of rioting protesters in Boston.

What effect did the Boston Massacre have on the colonies?	It angered the colonists and raised tensions between the colonies and Britain.
What happened at the Boston Tea Party?	The Boston "Sons of Liberty" threw British tea into the harbor.
What were the Intolerable Acts?	Laws that punished Massachusetts for the Boston Tea Party. They were intended to force Massachusetts to pay for the tea destroyed in the Boston Tea Party.
What was the main American argument for resistance to British taxes?	That Parliament didn't have the right to tax them because they didn't have the consent of the colonists. Only their own elected governments could tax them.
What did the Patriots want?	American independence
What did the Loyalists want?	They wanted the colonies to stay in the empire.
Why are the battles of Lexington and Concord important?	They were the first time that Americans and the British fought. They are first battles of the Revolutionary War.
Why is the Battle of Bunker Hill important?	It showed that the Americans had the will and capability to fight well against a world class army.
What are the 5 points of the Declaration of Independence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -people are born with rights -the purpose of government is to protect rights -governments should not be changed over small problems -if a government continually violates rights the people should change the government before their rights are gone
How did Washington force the British out of Boston?	He put cannon on Dorchester Heights.
What happened to Washington's army in New York?	They lost and the British took over New York.
What did Washington do at the Battle of Trenton?	He crossed the Delaware River, surprised British troops, and captured 900 soldiers.
Why were the battles of Trenton and Princeton important?	They encouraged the Patriots and more men joined Washington's army.
What happened at the Battle of Saratoga? What effect did this victory have on the war?	An American army defeated a British army. This convinced the French to form an alliance with the Americans.
How did the French alliance help the Patriots?	The French sent soldiers, money, equipment, and their navy.
What happened to Washington's army at Valley Forge?	Soldiers deserted, officers resigned, many got sick. They were trained by professional officers.
What happened at the Siege of Yorktown and why is it important?	Washington cornered Cornwallis and Cornwallis surrendered. This victory ended the war.
Name three reasons why the Americans won.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -British had to bring supplies and men across the Atlantic. -British only controlled cities and relied on navy for support. -The war became too expensive and too unpopular for the British to keep fighting. -Americans had help from France. -Americans had support of the population.