

Test Prep

Know the News: The American Revolution

Read the article on pp. 18-21, then answer these questions.

- Which is a central idea of the article?
 - The Revolutionary War began in 1775.
 - Historians are still uncovering new details about the war.
 - Despite the American Revolution being an important historical event, there are still misconceptions and little-known details about it.
 - The colonists could not have won the war without France's help.
- Which statement best supports that central idea?
 - "The story of our nation's founding isn't as straightforward as it's sometimes portrayed."
 - "More than 5,000 African-Americans . . . served in the Continental Army."
 - "Some congressmen questioned whether [George] Washington was the right leader."
 - "France formally backed the Americans in 1778."
- Which conclusion can you draw from the article's first section, "The beef wasn't just about taxes"?
 - The colonists wanted to hold a local election to replace King George III.
 - The colonists wanted their local governments to make the laws for all of Great Britain.
 - The colonists did not want their local governments to have to pay taxes at all.
 - The colonists believed their local governments, not Great Britain, should tax them.
- In which year did the Boston Tea Party take place?

Ⓐ 1752 Ⓑ 1773 Ⓒ 1781 Ⓓ 1805
- Which best explains why the author refers to the Marquis de Lafayette as "America's biggest fan"?
 - He volunteered to join the Continental Army at his own expense.
 - He became a general despite lacking combat experience.
 - He named his son after Washington.
 - He helped contain the British during the Yorktown, Virginia, campaign.
- Which of these statements is a fact?
 - Washington should have been replaced as commander of the Continental Army.
 - The colonists lost more battles than they won during the Revolutionary War.
 - The colonists were right to be upset about laws being passed without their say.
 - The colonists would not have won the war without Lafayette's help.
- What does *persisted* mean in this sentence? "Even though the Americans were outmatched repeatedly, they persisted."
 - surrendered
 - weakened
 - conquered
 - kept going
- Why did fighting continue after British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered?
 - The British were winning more battles than the colonists.
 - It took nearly two years for all the countries involved to sign peace treaties.
 - Some of Washington's officers wanted to quit.
 - Lafayette wanted to keep fighting.
- How does the map contribute to the article?
 - It underscores the fact that Revolutionary War battles took place on multiple continents.
 - It reinforces the importance of African-Americans' contributions during the war.
 - It highlights some key British and American victories during the war.
 - It illustrates Washington's strategy.
- Why might the editors have chosen humorous images to accompany the article?
 - to prove that the Revolutionary War was funny
 - to grab readers' attention and engage them in the story
 - to illustrate a lesser-known side of Lafayette
 - to show images readers would recognize from history books

Building Vocabulary

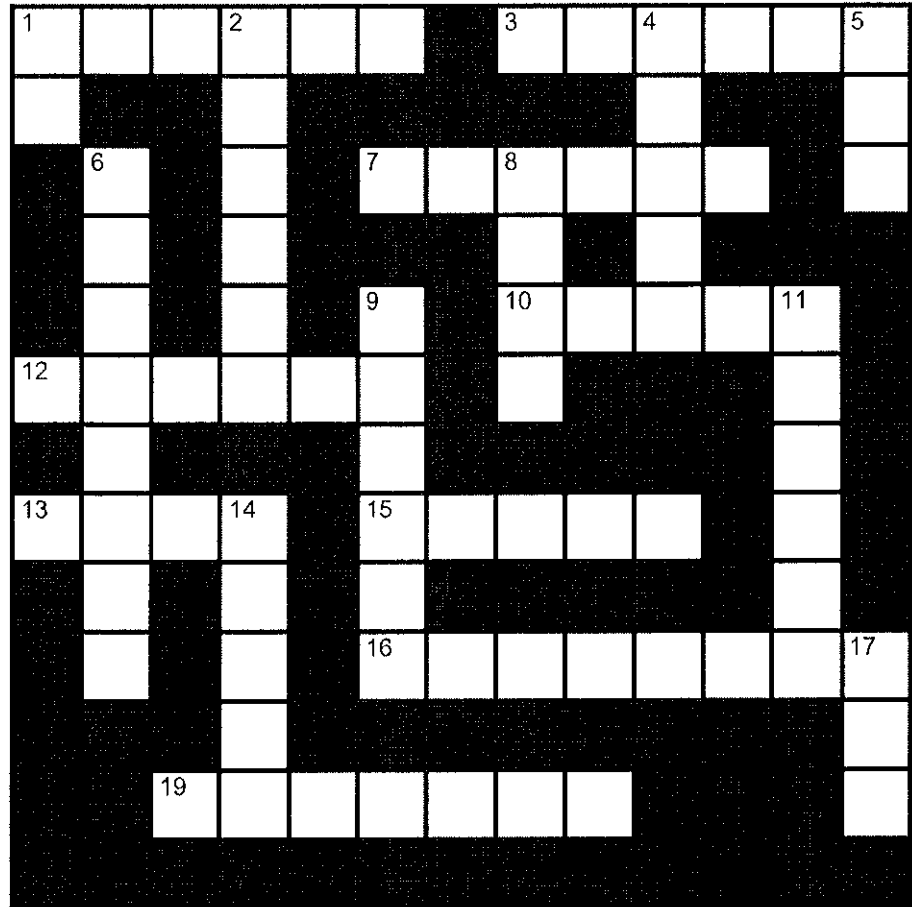


Crossword Puzzle

Here are a few clues for you to puzzle over. Answers to starred clues are in the article on pp. 18-21 of *JS*. For the rest, you're on your own!

Across

- *1 George Washington talked frustrated officers out of staging a _____.
- *3 The _____ Tea Party
- *7 Britain's monarch: _____ III
- *10 The Treaty of _____ ended the Revolutionary War.
- *12 Lafayette's home country and America's most important European ally during the war
- 13 A writer of verses
- *15 Washington's chief rival: Horatio _____
- *16 An American colonist who remained faithful to Britain's king
- *19 The first shots of the war were fired at Lexington and _____.



Down

- 1 _____, myself, and I
- *2 Lafayette "was basically an unpaid _____."
- *4 The _____ Act was imposed on the colonies by Parliament in 1764.
- *5 Site of the Battle of Saratoga: _____ York
- *6 American colonists who supported independence from Britain

- 8 What you might say when you make a mistake
- *9 The real last battle of the Revolution was fought at the Bay of _____.
- *11 The British promised freedom to _____ who would fight on their side.
- 14 Capital of Japan
- *17 The colonists believed their own government, not Parliament, should _____ them.