

A New Nation Is Born/Patriot  
Victories Bring Hope  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The fighting around Boston convinced many colonists that they were fighting a war for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ wrote most of the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Declaration of Independence marked the beginning of a new nation, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What is the difference between *Patriots* and *Loyalists (Tories)*?
5. What does it mean to be *neutral*? (You may need to look this one up!)
6. After the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ Hill, the fighting shifted from Boston to \_\_\_\_\_ . After several battles the Americans were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ from New York into \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In the winter of 1776 Washington's army won important victories at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in New Jersey.
8. Why did the British hope to capture and control New York State in 1777?

9. List the three parts of the British plan to capture New York.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why is the American victory at Saratoga in 1777 known as “the turning point” of the Revolution?

11. The Marquis de \_\_\_\_\_, Baron \_\_\_\_\_, and Thaddeus \_\_\_\_\_ came from Europe to help the Patriot cause.

12. Benedict \_\_\_\_\_ had been one of the finest American leaders. He had saved the victory at \_\_\_\_\_. In 1780, though, he became a traitor and tried to sell \_\_\_\_\_ to the British. He escaped and spent his remaining days in \_\_\_\_\_.