

Chapter 5

Road to Revolution

Section 4

The War Begins

The Second Continental Congress

- Even after Lex and Con, most colonists still didn't want _____, just respect (some did though)
 - May 10, 1775- _____ - 2nd Cont. Congress meeting
 - Notable new attendees: _____
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- Divided opinions- New England wanted independence, middle colonies wanted moderate action
 - All agreed that _____ regardless
 - Chose _____ as commander
 - Planned to _____ to pay regulars
 - Acting like a _____

The Second Continental Congress

- Patriots Against _____
 - Divided about 2/3-1/3- varied by region h/e Loyalists were always the minority
 - Loyalists often called _____ by Patriots
 - 1774-1775 Patriots took control of all colonial governments
 - Loyalists: mostly _____

 - Many Loyalists fought with British
 - During and after war about 100k Loyalists fled the colonies- most to _____

The Second Continental Congress

- Petitioning the King

- _____ - first official action of 2CC
- Sent to King George III- asked fighting to stop so disputes could be settled peacefully
- Next day they passed the

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- Colonists would “die for freedom rather than live as slaves)
 - KG3 ignored Olive Branch- said colonies were
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- Parliament send 20,000 troops to colonies

The Second Continental Congress

- An Important American Victory
 - May 10, 1775- northern NY
 - Band of Patriots attacked _____ at Lake Champlain- protected water route to Canada
 - Colonists led by _____ (blacksmith)- known as _____ most came from Green Mountains of VT
 - 83 colonists crossed Lake Champlain at night- only 42 Brits at fort- surrendered right away
 - Besides strategic location, Fort Ticonderoga also held weapons, esp _____ - moved to Boston to help drive Brits from the city

Early Battles

- June 1775- 6500 British troops in Boston
- 10,000 Patriots around city
 - 1600 on _____ - could view Boston Harbor
 - Americans also controlled nearby

Early Battles

- Battle of Bunker Hill
 - Americans around Boston were _____, not trained soldiers
 - British General _____ - attacked Breed's Hill straight on
 - _____ - American leader- to save ammo waited until Brits were 150 feet away to fire-dropped dozens
 - British attacked three times- lost the first 2 but won the 3rd bc Americans ran out of ammo and had to retreat
 - _____

Early Battles

- Americans still surrounded Boston
- July 1775- _____ arrives to take control
- 300 mile, 3 month journey of cannons from Ticonderoga finally ended in Boston in March, 1776
- Cannons were placed _____ around the city

- British ships then fled Boston harbor
- Still, Brits had the _____ - held the best
_____, had the most powerful
_____ in the world and
_____ American ports
 - Blockade- _____
 - Also hired _____ from Germany-
mercenary is a hired soldier from another country

Early Battles

- Invading Canada
 - Two armies headed to _____ in late 1775
 - _____ from Maine- tough trip
 - _____ from Fort Ticonderoga
 - The attack of Quebec failed- Montgomery killed, Arnold wounded
 - Stayed outside Quebec until May 1776
 - When British reinforcements arrived, the Americans headed back to the colonies