

Chapter 6

The American Revolution

Section 2

A Critical Time

Retreat from New York

- Attack and Retreat

- Mid-1776- the fight shifted from New England to

- _____ - British commander-
gathered huge fleet off Staten Island, NY

- GW anticipated- had marched army to Long Island

- Howe- _____ - all well trained

- Washington- _____ - poorly trained

- Washington had to retreat- lost

- _____ - continued south through

New Jersey

Retreat from New York

- Nathan Hale

- CT officer- legendary _____

- Volunteered to get info on British in NY

- _____

- Famous last words: “I only regret that I have

- _____
 - _____”

Surprise for the British

- British pushed the Continental Army across DE River into _____
- Brits were pushing close to _____
- American outlook poor- many _____ and soldiers that didn't plan to _____
- _____ traveled with the Army through NJ
- Wrote another pamphlet to raise spirits- _____
- Read aloud to the troops

Surprise for the British

- Crossing the Delaware
 - _____ night 1776-
Washington led his [poorly supplied] troops across frozen DE River
 - Many wore only rags on their feet- marched through snow
 - December 26- attacked _____
from two sides...and WON!

Surprise for the British

- An American Victory
 - Trenton had been guarded by _____
 - In the attack GW captured 1k Hessians
 - GW had to move quickly before Brits got to him
 - At night, _____ on hillside but moved men
 - The next day, the Brits realized the campfires were decoys and a fort at _____ had been heavily damaged by American troops

Saratoga: A Turning Point

- Burgoyne's Plan

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- _____
 - _____
 - _____

- Armies from 3 directions would head toward Albany, NY

- From Canada- 8k soldiers would take forts on

- _____
 - From west- small army through _____

- From South- General Howe would head up _____ from NYC

- Problems- KG3 had ordered Howe to attack Philadelphia- unsuccessful

- Howe wasn't ready to move north for months

- American also cut off army coming from west

Saratoga: A Turning Point

- An American Victory

- June 1777- Burgoyne led large army from Canada- recaptured _____

- Moving slowly- carrying huge baggage train- supplies were running out

- American _____ moved into Saratoga, NY with 6k ready troops

- Surrounded British- heavy British _____

- October 17, 1777- Burgoyne _____

Saratoga: A Turning Point

- Results of the Battle

- 1. Ended the British _____
- 2. Showed British that this would _____
- 3. lifted _____ at a low point
- 4. showed _____ that the Americans were legit

Help From Overseas

- The French Alliance

- France had been _____ to help Americans with the war- altho they had secretly given us _____
- Saratoga proved the Americans had a shot- 1778 made alliance official
(_____)

- French allies- _____ - also waged war with Britain
- Made Britain wage war on many fronts

Help From Overseas

- European Volunteers

- American _____ had inspired many Europeans to enlist in American forces
- _____ - French that became a high ranking American officer and close friend to Washington
- _____ - Polish engineer that helped build fortifications at West Point
- _____ - Pole that helped train US cavalry (_____)

Help From Overseas

- Baron von Steuben

- _____ - former Prussian general (Prussian army was considered best in Europe)
- Turned American forces from rag tag to lean mean fighting machines
 - _____ in unison
 - Better _____
 - Fight with _____

Valley Forge

- Winter of 77-78 rough for Americans- Valley Forge, PA
- Brits were in Philly partying hardy
- Many had _____
- About a dozen men per tent
- Ate thin soup and poorly made bread patties- some went days without food
- When word spread people helped- _____ gathered food, clothing, medicine, and ammo and headed to VF- even GW's wife stayed to help tend to sick
- _____ became a plague at VF
- By the spring of 78 the army was recovering and ready to resume their campaign