

Chapter 6

Section 3

The War Widens

African Americans in the War

- Free and Slave

- Free blacks fought from the beginning-

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- _____ - free black that fought at Bunker Hill and Saratoga

- Many slaves escaped to fight in the war- for both sides

- On American side fought mostly in _____ - motivated by ideas of liberty and freedom

- Brits offered _____ to slaves the escaped and joined British military

- Mostly supporting roles- _____

- Some free blacks (former slaves) fought with British

African Americans in the War

– Washington initially

– Saw what Brits were doing- _____

- By end of the war- _____ blacks had fought in American military (2k in navy)
- Many also fought in northern militias and state armies
- Few fought in the south- plantation owners feared _____ (irony, anyone?)

• Freedom Beckons

- Some northern states saw fight for freedom as freedom for everyone- took steps to end slavery
 - PA- 1780- new law that
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The War At Home

- Enlistment- _____ - usually for one year
 - After a year many men wanted to return home- became a struggle to keep full ranks
- Civilians- _____ - dealt with food shortages and attack from the enemy
- Women
 - Had to take over the role of husbands that left for war- _____
 - Some women went with their husbands to be _____
 - _____ - disguised as a man to fight- when wounded she tended to her own wounds to keep her secret
 - War opened many new opportunities for women

The War at Home

- Financial Burdens

- Congress couldn't _____ - had to beg states for money to pay for war
- States had little money themselves
- Congress began printing _____ (paper money)- the more it printed, the less the value
 - By the end of the war it was practically _____
 - “Not worth a continental”- some even used it as _____

Fighting in the West

- Native Americans Take Sides

- Americans wanted them to stay _____ - paid off neutral tribes
- Most Natives sided with _____ - afraid an American victory would lead to more of their land being taken by settlers
- Some tribes split into _____ over who to support
- Other tribes _____ to avoid fighting
- Others responded to _____ white settlements
- _____ broke out- started in Quebec and moved down colonies- reached as far south as New Orleans
 - Spread to Native Americans
 - More smallpox deaths than casualties
 - 1782- _____ war deaths, _____ smallpox deaths

Fighting In the West

- Defending the Frontier
 - 1778- VA sent _____ and a militia to attack Brit forts beyond Apps
 - Hoped to avoid a _____
 - Easily captured two MS River posts-

 - 1779- marched 200 miles during winter and attacked _____ on the Wabash River
 - Caught Brits and Natives by surprise- they surrendered
 - Strengthened American claim of OH River Valley

Fighting in the West

- Help From the Spanish
 - Spanish controlled _____
 - Wanted to get _____ back (had lost to Brits after F/I War)
 - LA Gov _____ supplied GRC with supplies and money
 - Also let _____
 - Spain officially _____
 - Galvez played a key role in capturing British forts along the MS River
 - _____ (Spanish colony) also gave financial help to America

The War At Sea

- Congress voted to put together a _____ in 1775
- However, American shipyards were unable to _____ and British _____
- Few ships- Americans became skilled at _____
- 1779- off the coast of England- _____ commanded the America ship- _____ fought against the British ship *Serapis*
- the fight put holes in both ships- Jones refused to give up
 - “I have not yet begun to fight!”
 - *Serapis* finally surrendered
- Navy also got help from 800 _____ (legalized pirates)
 - Seized _____ from Caribbean, _____ from England, and _____ from Canada
 - Forced Brits to spend \$\$ protecting from privateers