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Dare to Defy the Empire? 9th Grade American Revolution Analysis Quiz

Evaluate the complex social dynamics and diplomatic shifts that transformed a colonial rebellion into a global conflict through high-level source analysis.

1. Which intellectual movement provided the foundational 'Natural Rights' framework that justified the colonies' separation from the British Crown?

- A. The Great Awakening
- B. The Enlightenment
- C. Mercantilism
- D. Romanticism

2. True or False: The 'Olive Branch Petition' was a final attempt by the Continental Congress to avoid full-scale war by professing loyalty to King George III.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Common Sense, the influential pamphlet that argued monarchy was a corrupt form of government, was authored by _____.

- A. John Adams
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Alexander Hamilton

4. What was the primary strategic significance of the Battle of Cowpens in the Southern theater of the war?

- A. It led to an immediate British surrender in New York.
- B. It neutralized British General Cornwallis's light infantry and turned the tide in the Carolinas.
- C. It was the first time the Continental Navy won a major sea engagement.
- D. It convinced Spain to officially join the war as an American ally.

5. True or False: The Baron von Steuben was a Prussian military officer who played a critical role in professionalizing the Continental Army's drill and discipline.

- A. True
- B. False

6. The _____ was a clandestine network of spies organized by Benjamin Tallmadge that provided George Washington with intelligence on British movements in New York City.

- A. Sons of Liberty
- B. Culper Ring
- C. Committee of Safety

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D. Albany Congress

7. In what way did the participation of the Marquis de Lafayette illustrate the international dimensions of the American Revolution?

- A. He brought British parliamentarians to negotiate a peace treaty.
- B. He represented the financial interests of the Dutch banking system.
- C. He served as a volunteer officer and a crucial diplomatic link to the French court.
- D. He led a rebellion in Canada to support the American cause.

8. True or False: The 1783 Treaty of Paris required that Loyalist property confiscated during the war be 'earnestly recommended' for restoration by Congress.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Which woman is credited with disguised service in the Continental Army under the name 'Robert Shurtlieff'?

- A. Abigail Adams
- B. Mercy Otis Warren
- C. Deborah Sampson
- D. Phillis Wheatley

10. The Proclamation of _____ was a British policy that forbade colonial settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains, creating intense friction with land-hungry colonists.

- A. 1763
- B. 1776
- C. Independence
- D. Neutrality