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A Revolutionary Review: Your Guide to 1776 for 10th Graders

Assess basic recall of the social and political factors that drove American independence, serving as an introductory formative check for the US History unit.

1. Which influential pamphlet, written by Thomas Paine, used plain language to argue that common sense supported independence from British rule?

- A. The Federalist Papers
- B. Common Sense
- C. The Magna Carta
- D. Poor Richard's Almanack

2. The Proclamation of 1763 angered colonists because it prohibited them from settling west of the Appalachian Mountains.

- A. True
- B. False

3. Before the Continental Army was formed, many local volunteer soldiers were known as _____ because they were ready to fight at a moment's notice.

- A. Redcoats
- B. Hessians
- C. Minutemen
- D. Loyalists

4. Who was the primary diplomat who traveled to France to secure a formal alliance for the American cause?

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- B. John Adams
- C. Alexander Hamilton
- D. Patrick Henry

5. The 'Sons of Liberty' was a group formed mainly to support and enforce British tax laws in the colonies.

- A. True
- B. False

6. The concept of 'Natural Rights,' which influenced the Declaration of Independence, was originally popularized by the Enlightenment philosopher _____.

- A. Thomas Hobbes
- B. John Locke
- C. King George III

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D. Lord North

7. Which woman is famously recognized for her role in managing the family farm and communicating political intelligence to her husband during the Revolution?

- A. Abigail Adams
- B. Betsy Ross
- C. Phillis Wheatley
- D. Martha Washington

8. The Marquis de Lafayette was a French aristocrat who volunteered to help the Continental Army without pay.

- A. True
- B. False

9. The primary grievance the colonists had against the British government was that taxes were being imposed without _____.

- A. Trial by Jury
- B. Representation
- C. Formal Notice
- D. Military Protection

10. What was the name of the German mercenary soldiers hired by the British to fight against the American colonists?

- A. Cavaliers
- B. Roundheads
- C. Hessians
- D. Jesuits