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Hamilton's Choice: Grade 9 Revolutionary Synthesis Quiz

How did internal dissent shape a new nation? Synthesize primary source perspectives and evaluate the strategic shift to the Southern Theater.

1. The 1772 Gaspee Affair represented a significant escalation in colonial resistance primarily because it involved:

- A. A peaceful boycott of British-manufactured luxury textiles
- B. The extrajudicial destruction of a Royal Navy schooner enforcing trade laws
- C. The formal drafting of the Olive Branch Petition to King George III
- D. The implementation of the first colonial-wide committee of correspondence

2. The Philipsburg Proclamation issued by the British was intended to cripple the American rebellion by offering freedom to enslaved people who fled rebel masters.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The 'Lee Resolution,' presented to the Second Continental Congress in June 1776, was the first formal proposal for independence and was authored by ____.

- A. Richard Henry Lee
- B. Patrick Henry
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. John Dickinson

4. Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben's primary contribution to the Continental Army's professionalization involved:

- A. Securing a massive naval loan from the Prussian treasury
- B. Designing the guerrilla tactics used at the Battle of Cowpens
- C. Instituting standardized drill manuals and hygiene protocols at Valley Forge
- D. Negotiating the secret alliance between Spain and the American colonies

5. General Nathanael Greene's strategy in the Southern Department was characterized by a 'war of ____,' emphasizing mobility over holding territory.

- A. Annihilation
- B. Attrition
- C. Fortification
- D. Neutrality

6. Which document, authored by John Dickinson, attempted one last reconciliation with Britain while simultaneously justifying colonial armed resistance?

- A. The Great Compromise

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- B. The Albany Plan of Union
- C. The Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms
- D. The Federalist Papers

7. The Battle of King's Mountain was unique because it was fought almost entirely between Patriot and Loyalist American militias rather than regular British Redcoats.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Native American participation during the Revolution was complex; the Iroquois Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) notably:

- A. Unanimously supported the Continental Congress
- B. Suffered a political schism where different nations backed different sides
- C. Remained entirely neutral due to the Treaty of Fort Stanwix
- D. Emigrated to Spanish Florida to avoid the conflict entirely

9. The 1783 ___ Conspiracy involved Continental Army officers threatening a military coup over unpaid wages, which George Washington suppressed through a dramatic appeal to his men.

- A. Conway
- B. Newburgh
- C. Culper
- D. Shays

10. The Treaty of Paris (1783) failed to provide any provisions regarding the fair treatment of Loyalists or the payment of pre-war debts to British creditors.

- A. True
- B. False