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## Answer Key: Patriot Perspectives: A 3rd Grade Revolution Quiz

Synthesize historical clues to analyze how everyday people and clever strategies helped a small group of colonies outsmart a global empire.

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**1. Sybil Ludington was only 16 years old when she rode her horse twice as far as Paul Revere. Why did she need to ride through the night?**

**Answer:** B) To warn the militia that British troops were attacking Danbury

Sybil Ludington is known as the 'female Paul Revere' because she rode 40 miles to alert colonial soldiers that the British were burning a nearby town.

**2. To pass secret messages without being caught, George Washington's spies used a special liquid called \_\_\_\_\_, which only appeared when heated or treated with chemicals.**

**Answer:** C) Invisible Ink

The Culper Spy Ring used invisible ink (called 'sympathetic stain') to hide military secrets from the British within normal-looking letters.

**3. True or False: Native Americans and African Americans fought on both the British side and the Colonial side during the war.**

**Answer:** A) True

Both groups had to make difficult choices about which side to support based on who they believed would better protect their freedom and land.

**4. At the Battle of Trenton, General Washington used a surprise strategy by crossing the icy Delaware River on Christmas night. Why was this 'advanced' thinking?**

**Answer:** A) Armies at that time usually didn't fight during the winter or on holidays

By breaking the 'rules' of traditional warfare, Washington surprised the Hessian soldiers who were not expecting an attack during a winter storm on a holiday.

**5. The 'Culper Spy Ring' used a code book where numbers stood for words. If a spy wrote the number 711, it likely referred to \_\_\_\_\_, the leader of the army.**

**Answer:** B) George Washington

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Spies used code numbers to ensure that if a message was stolen, the British wouldn't know they were talking about General Washington (Agent 711).

**6. True or False: Every single person living in the 13 colonies wanted to fight against King George III and the British army.**

**Answer:** B) False

The population was divided: Patriots wanted independence, Loyalists wanted to stay with Britain, and many others were neutral.

**7. During the Battle of Monmouth, 'Molly Pitcher' (Mary Ludwig Hays) became a hero. What did she do when her husband could no longer fire his cannon?**

**Answer:** B) She took his place and kept firing the cannon at the British

Molly Pitcher is a symbol of the many women who supported the front lines by bringing water and even stepping into combat roles.

**8. In 1773, the 'Sons of Liberty' dressed up in a disguise to board ships in the harbor. They did this so they wouldn't be recognized while they destroyed the \_\_\_\_.**

**Answer:** C) Crates of Tea

By disguising themselves, the protesters tried to protect their identities while making a bold statement against British trade laws.

**9. True or False: The Marquis de Lafayette was a 19-year-old from France who volunteered to help the Americans for free.**

**Answer:** A) True

Lafayette was a wealthy Frenchman who believed so strongly in freedom that he left his country to help Washington's army.

**10. The American Revolution finally ended when the British were trapped at Yorktown. How did the American and French forces work together to win?**

**Answer:** B) The French navy blocked the sea while the Americans blocked the land

This was a 'pincer movement' where the French fleet prevented the British from escaping by boat while the army surrounded them on land.