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Shatter the Empire: An American Revolution Quiz for College Students

Mercantilism, diplomatic maneuvering, and Enlightenment thought—this assessment provides a comprehensive review of the ideological hurdles and global conflicts of the 1770s.

1. Which intellectual movement provided the foundational rhetoric for the American Revolution, particularly through the concept of 'natural rights'?

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

2. The 1763 Proclamation Line was designed by the British Crown to prevent colonial settlement west of the _____ Mountains.

- A. Rocky
- B. Sierra Nevada
- C. Appalachian
- D. Catskill

3. The Olive Branch Petition was the final attempt by the Continental Congress to avoid a full-scale war with Great Britain.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which European officer played a crucial role in training the Continental Army in professional military tactics and hygiene?

- A. Marquis de Lafayette
- B. Baron von Steuben
- C. Count de Rochambeau
- D. Bernardo de Gálvez

5. Thomas Paine's influential 1776 pamphlet _____ argued that it was 'common sense' for the colonies to break away from a distant monarchy.

- A. The Crisis
- B. Common Sense
- C. Liberty or Death
- D. The Federalist Papers

6. During the war, African Americans only fought on the side of the Patriots.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. What was the primary purpose of the 'Committees of Correspondence' formed in the early 1770s?

- A. To recruit soldiers for the navy
- B. To facilitate communication between the colonies
- C. To negotiate the peace treaty with France
- D. To manage the printing of continental currency

8. The _____ was the first internal tax levied directly on American colonists by the British government in 1765.

- A. Sugar Act
- B. Tea Act
- C. Stamp Act
- D. Townshend Act

9. The Battle of Trenton in 1776 was significant because it boosted morale by defeating Hessian mercenaries after a surprise river crossing.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of the following describes 'Republican Motherhood' in the post-revolutionary era?

- A. Women should be allowed to vote in elections
- B. Women should run for political office
- C. Women should stay away from all political discussion
- D. Women should be educated to raise virtuous citizens