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Answer Key: Hear the Sizzling Sparks of Freedom! 2nd Grade History Quiz

Identify patriotic symbols and key community leaders using this multi-format challenge designed to build early historical recall skills.

1. The colonists were unhappy because the King of England lived far away and made unfair rules. What did they call these rules?

Answer: C) Laws and Taxes

Taxes and laws were the rules many colonists felt were unfair because they didn't have a say in making them.

2. Paul Revere went on a famous midnight ride to warn his friends that the British soldiers were coming.

Answer: A) True

Paul Revere is a famous figure who rode his horse at night to alert colonial leaders like Samuel Adams.

3. The brave people who lived in the 13 colonies and wanted to be free were known as _____.

Answer: B) Patriots

Patriots was the name for people who supported the idea of independence from King George.

4. According to legend, who used a needle and thread to sew the first American flag with stars and stripes?

Answer: A) Betsy Ross

Betsy Ross is a famous figure credited in stories with sewing the first flag for the new nation.

5. During the Revolution, the Redcoats were the soldiers who fought for the American colonies.

Answer: B) False

The Redcoats were the British soldiers; the colonial soldiers were often called Continentals or Minutemen.

6. Benjamin Franklin was a famous inventor who helped the colonies gain help from the country of _____.

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Answer: C) France

France was a very important friend to the American colonies and helped them win the war.

7. What famous bell was rung in Philadelphia to celebrate the news of independence?

Answer: B) The Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell is a symbol of American freedom that is still located in Philadelphia today.

8. The American Revolution was a fight to help the colonies stay as part of England forever.

Answer: B) False

The Revolution was actually a fight for independence, which means being free to rule themselves.

9. The soldiers who were ready to fight in just one minute were called _____.

Answer: A) Minutemen

Minutemen were colonial militia members known for being ready to defend their towns extremely quickly.

10. Which of these was a way the colonists sent messages across long distances during the war?

Answer: C) Riding on a horse

Long ago, there were no computers or phones, so messengers like Jack Jouett had to ride horses to deliver news.