

Assignment for both HST115 & HIST201:

Readings - Henretta & Brody, *America, A Concise History* Ch 6 pp.162-183; Declaration of Independence D1-D3 & Articles of Confederation D4-D10 (Documents Section in the Back of the Book)

Section Review Questions –Ch 6 p.170, p.175, & p.183 (6 Questions)

(HIST201 Only) Map Skills – Danzer, *Maps in Context*: Sec 2 Worksheet 6; Sec 3 Quiz 6

War for Independence

- April 18, 1775
 - Paul Revere & his famous Ride

 - William “Billy” Dawes & Dr. Samuel Prescott

 - From Boston to Lexington

 - Then to Concord

 - And beyond

 - Minutemen

 - British troops

 - In Lexington

 - Major John Pitcairn

 - On to Concord

 - At North Bridge

- Siege of Boston
- Ticonderoga and Crown Point
 - Ethan Allen & Green Mountain Boys
- Second Continental Congress
 - Blood had been shed
 - June 17th
 - Israel Putnam
 - Breed's Hill
 - William Prescott
 - Congress supported actions of Massachusetts
 - Adopt minutemen as new “army”
 - Washington = commander in chief
 - July 6th
 - Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking up Arms
 - Olive Branch Petition

- John Dickinson

- George III
 - Americans = rebels

- Lord North
 - Offer concessions

- Move to independence
 - Many reasons for caution

 - Reasons for Independence

 - Thomas Paine & *Common Sense*
 - Public opinion shifted

- Independence declared
 - June 7, 1776

 - Richard Henry Lee

 - Committee of Five

 - Dec of Ind = Locke 101

 - July 2, 1776

 - July 4, 1776

- Public reaction = mixed
 - Patriots - aka Whigs
 - Others = indifference
 - Loyalists - aka Tories

- Why Revolt?
 - English liberties

 - Representative/self gov't

 - Ideals of the Enlightenment

 - Echoes of Reformation & Great Awakening
- How/Why win?
 - American weaknesses
 - Shortage of troops
 - Lack of central government
 - Weak & unorganized military

 - American Advantage = Washington's faith & courage

 - British Weaknesses

- Geography
- Numerous blunders
 - Professional army
 - Hessian mercenaries
 - Loyalists
 - More force = more fighting spirit of Patriots
 - Leaks in the blockade
 - John Paul Jones
 - Privateers
- International opposition
 - League of Armed Neutrality
- Domestic opposition
- The Peace Treaty of 1783
 - Surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781 at Yorktown
 - Americans gained:
 - But now what?
- Creating “States”
 - May 10, 1775

- New state governments

- Irony:

- Rule of Law
 - Bill of rights

 - Written constitutions

 - English Common Law

 - “Separation of powers”
- Separating church and state?

- Concerns over slavery
 - Patrick Henry

 - Thomas Jefferson’s views

 - State action

- The Articles of Confederation
 - November 15, 1777

 - “Confederation”

 - Weaknesses

- Strengths
- New kind of government
- Union on brink of collapse