USA, 1770-83 knowledge test

Use pages 64-85 of the textbook if you get stuck

**Section A – Causes of tension between 1770 and 1775**

1. What were the main industries in the northern, middle and southern colonies?
2. What religion were the majority of settlers?
3. How large was the franchise for legislative assemblies?
4. What Act did the British introduce in 1764 which upset colonists?
5. Give two consequences of the Seven Years War
6. What phrase sums up the colonists rebellion to British taxes?
7. What was the consequence of tarring and feathering for the British?
8. When were the Townshend duties introduced?
9. Give three imports that were taxed in the Townshend duties
10. Which paramilitary group led the resistance to taxation in Boston?
11. How many Bostonians were killed in the ‘Boston Massacre’ of 1770?
12. Give three reasons why the Boston Massacre did not start the War of Independence
13. Approximately what fraction of colonists were patriots in 1770?
14. What fraction of colonists were loyalists in 1770?
15. What type of colonists tended to be patriots?
16. What was set up in 1771 to communicate grievances to all the towns in Massachusetts?
17. Give two reasons why the British introduced the Tea Act in 1773
18. On what day did the Boston Tea Party take place?
19. Name the three ships involved in the Boston Tea Party
20. How many chests of tea were sunk in the Boston Tea Party?
21. Give 3 main aspects of the Coercive Acts of 1774.
22. What did the patriots call the Coercive Acts?

**Section B, From rebellion to revolution, 1775-76**

1. When and where was the first Continental Congress held?
2. What did Committees of Correspondence become known as?
3. When was it declared that Massachusetts was in a state of rebellion?
4. Who was the British general in charge of Boston?
5. Where did the first battles of the War of Independence take place?
6. How many British casualties were there at the Battle of Bunker Hill?
7. When did George III declare the colonies to be in a state of open rebellion?
8. When were the British forced to evacuate Boston?
9. What two important decisions were made by Congress in June 1775?
10. Give two reasons why the formal declaration of independence took over a year
11. What was the pamphlet by Thomas Paine which cemented the views of the patriots?
12. When was the Declaration of Independence formally adopted by Congress?
13. Who drafted the Declaration of Independence?
14. Give three grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence
15. Give three features of the Articles of Confederation
16. When were the Articles of Confederation ratified?

**Section C – Why Britain lost the War of Independence**

1. Give two strengths of the British military
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5. When did the Patriots force the British to retreat to Saratoga?
6. Which British general surrendered at Saratoga?
7. What was the major mistake the British made at Saratoga?
8. What happened to the nearly 6000 British troops who were captured at Saratoga?
9. Give two reasons the French entered the war in June 1778
10. Give two reasons why the entry of France and Spain into the war was significant
11. Why did the British decide to move their focus south after the defeat at Saratoga?
12. What did British control in 1781 rest upon?
13. Give three reasons why General Cornwallis was defeated at Yorktown
14. How did the British parliament react to the defeat at Yorktown?
15. Why were the terms of the Peace of Paris so favourable to America?
16. What was the immediate impact of the defeat in Britain?
17. What was Britain’s national debt by 1783?
18. Give two long term consequences of defeat in Britain
19. How did Britain change its policy towards Ireland after the War of Independence?