Essential Question: How were Patriot forces able to overcome the many obstacles they faced in the war against Britain?

Main Idea 1:
Many Americans contributed to the war effort.

- More than _________ soldiers served in ____________ Army
- _________ were at first _________ from serving, but after the _________ promised them _________, free _________ _________ were allowed to serve for the _________.
- British offered _________ to any _________ who _________ in their _________.
- _________ of African-American _________ signed on with the _________ _________, _________ Americans who had been _________ off their _________ aided the _________. The _________ worked hard to keep other _________ Americans _________.
- _________ _________ were most _________ in its _________ of the _________ war effort.
- Many _________ ran _________ and businesses. Some served as _________, nurses, or _________, and a few dressed as _________ to _________ in the _________.

Early Defeats

Defeat in Canada
- Some _________ thought British-controlled _________ should be “__________”
- American forces under Generals Richard Montgomery and _________ _________ attacked _________
- Attack _________, and hopes of taking Canada _________

Defeat in New York
- New York City was first major _________
- Washington’s _________ militiamen opposed by General _________ _________ 32,000 better-equipped _________ soldiers
- Several _________ of _________
- _________ forces pushed into New _________
Main Idea 2:
Despite early defeats by Britain, the Patriots claimed some victories.

- Washington’s army in New _______ faced _______ mercenaries fighting for _______.
  - _______ are foreign soldiers who fight not out of _______, but for _______.
- Washington decided to take the _______.
- _______ leaders favored a _______ war believing that their _______ would last _______.
- Winning the battle in _______ _______ was _______ to George Washington.
  - The _______ contract many of his _______ were _______ under _______ due to _______.
  - He knew _______ would not _______ in a losing _______.
  - Crossed the _______ _______ on _______ night
  - Attacked the _______ while they were still _______.
  - Won _______ of _______ on December 26, 1776
    - Different from previous _______ because the _______ went on the _______.
- Defeated _______ troops at _______ on January 2, 1777

Main Idea 3:
Saratoga was a turning point in the war.

- British _______ by two quick _______.
- British General John Burgoyne planned to seize _______ _______ Valley to cut off _______.
- British army _______ by _______ forces under General _______ _______ on October 17, 1777
- Battle of _______ was greatest _______ yet by _______.
  - Was a turning point for the Patriots.
  - The _______ gained the support of _______ and _______.
  - _______ gave Patriots _______ allies

Help for Americans

France
- Signed treaty of _______
- _______ _______ supplied money and _______ skills
  - _______ in the American _______.
  - Believed in the _______ of all _______ to _______ themselves.

Prussia
- Baron Friedrich von Steuben trained _______.

Spain
- Bernardo de Gálvez, governor of _______ Louisiana, seized _______ posts
Main Idea 4:
The winter at Valley Forge tested the strength of Patriot forces.

- Continental Army was __________ on __________
- Washington and __________ men wintered at __________ __________. Pennsylvania, during 1777–78.
- __________ through the __________ winter and __________ of food, clothing, and __________
- Winter at __________ __________ was a __________ time for the __________ __________.
- The army __________ protection and __________.
- Continental Army survived, but __________ died of __________ and __________

Main Idea 5:
The war continued at sea and in the West.

War at Sea
- __________ Continental Navy could __________ fight large __________
- Patriots faced __________ at __________.
- Too few __________ to fight __________ battles against the __________.
- Sunk __________ of individual __________ ships
- __________ __________ __________ was commander of __________
  *Bonhomme Richard*

War in the West
- __________ __________ __________ captured __________ trading village of Kaskaskia, Illinois, in 1778
- Clark’s forces __________ Battle of Vincennes in __________
- __________ faced __________ in the __________.
- They did not __________ to __________ Britain’s major __________ base.
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