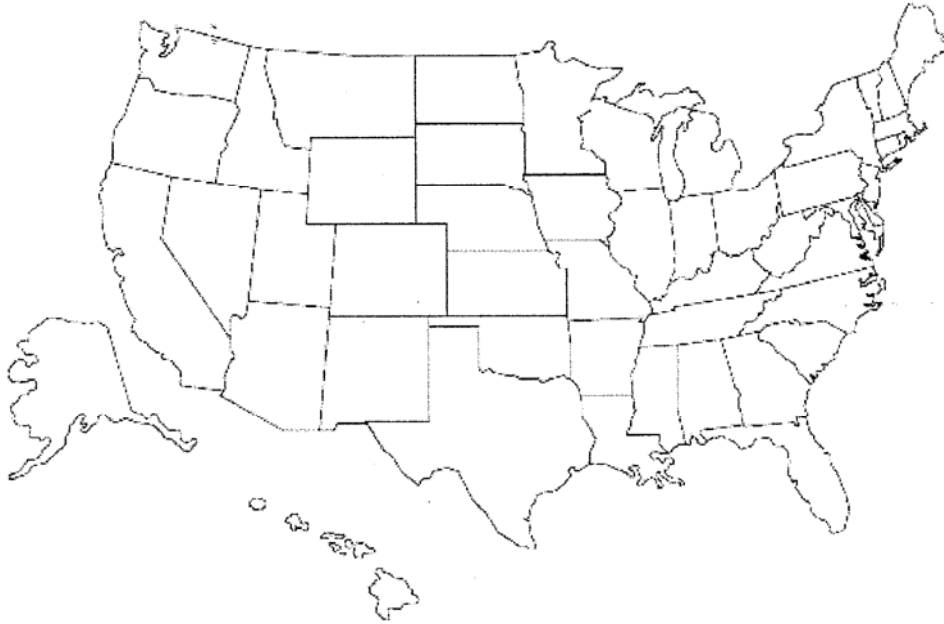


First Grade “From Colonies to Independence: The American Revolution” Assessment

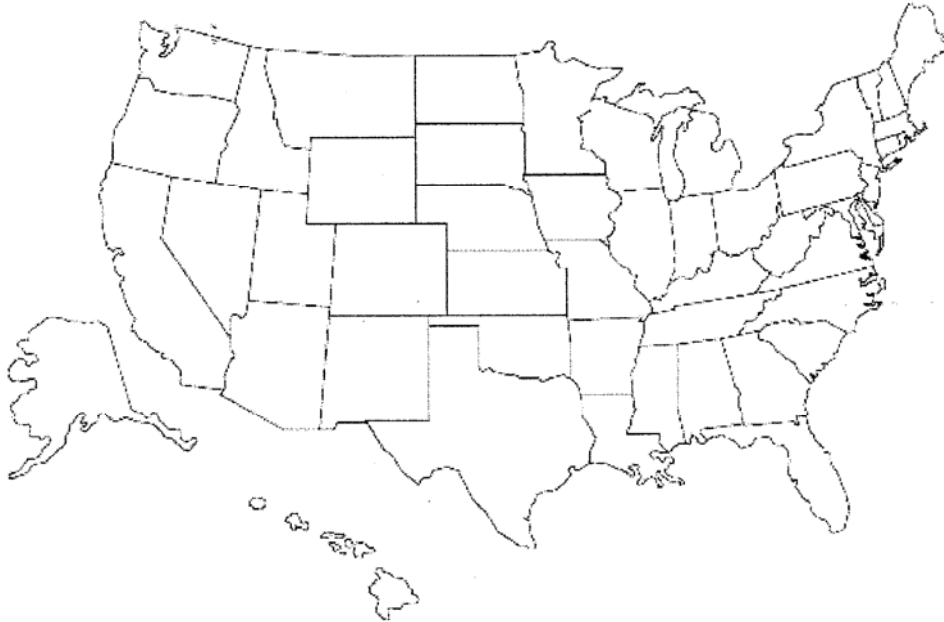
1a. Circle the area of the original thirteen colonies on the map below.



1b. Label the location of the original thirteen colonies on the map below.



- 1c. Circle the original thirteen colonies on the map below and label three of the individual colonies.



- 2a. Why did the colonists want to stop following the king of England?
a. He made them come back to England each year.
b. He made laws the colonists didn't like.
- 2b. Circle two reasons why the colonists did not want to continue to follow the king of England.
a. He made them come back to England each year.
b. He made laws the colonists didn't like.
c. He made the colonists pay taxes on many things.
d. They wanted to elect their own king in America.

- 2c. Give two reasons why the colonists did not want to follow the king of England in the 1760's.

- 3a. When the king put a tax on tea the colonists had the B_____.
T_____ P_____.

- 3b. What happened at the Boston Tea Party?

3c. How did the colonists protest the tax the king put on tea?

- 4a. How did the British punish the colonists when the king got angry at them?
- a. They closed the shipping ports and sent soldiers to watch everyone.
 - b. They made all the colonists move back to England.

- 4b. How did the British punish the colonists after the Boston Tea Party?
- a. They closed the shipping ports and sent soldiers to guard the colonists.
 - b. They made all the colonists move back to England.
 - c. They gave them weapons to fight with.
 - d. They put the colonists to work as slaves on plantations.

4c. How did the king of England react to the Boston Tea Party?

5a. When the British soldiers finally attacked the colonists Paul Revere helped the colonists by giving the following message: One if by _____ and two if by _____.

5b. What message did Paul Revere give to the colonists when the British decided to attack?

5c. Explain how Paul Revere helped the colonists at the beginning of the war.

6a. The British wore red so they were called the R_____.
The colonists could get ready quickly so they were called the M_____.

6b. What are the nicknames of the British soldiers and the colonial soldiers?

6c. What are the nicknames of the British soldiers and the colonial soldiers? How did the British army and the colonial army get their nicknames?

7a. Why is the first shot of the Revolutionary War called “the shot heard round the world” by some?

- a. It was loud enough to be heard in England.
- b. It was a very important moment in the history of America.

7b. Why is the first shot of the Revolutionary War called “the shot heard round the world” by some?

- a. It was loud enough to be heard in England.
- b. The bullet traveled around the world to England.
- c. The shot was on the news in every country.
- d. It was a very important moment in the history of America.

7c. What was the importance of “the shot heard round the world” in America’s history?

8a. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of I _____ to let the king know that the colonists wanted to be free.

8b. What document was written by Thomas Jefferson to let the king know the colonists wanted to be free?

8c. What are some of Thomas Jefferson’s ideas that are contained in the Declaration of Independence?

9a. What is the date of America’s birthday?

9b. What happened on July 4, 1776?

- a. The colonists won the war against the British.
- b. The Revolutionary War started.
- c. The colonists signed the Declaration of Independence.
- d. The British gave the Americans their freedom.

9c. Why is July 4, 1776 an important date in American history?

- 10a. What was one difficulty the American soldiers experienced during the war?
- a. They got seasick on the boats.
 - b. They did not have enough to eat.

10b. What were some difficulties the Americans faced during the war?

10c. Explain why it was surprising that the colonists won the Revolutionary War.

11a. Tell one way the Benjamin Franklin helped the colonies.

11b. How did Benjamin Franklin help the colonists?

11c. Why is Benjamin Franklin considered an American hero?

12a. Who was our first president?

- a. George Washington
- b. Benjamin Franklin

12b. What did George Washington do before he became our first president?

- a. He was a newspaper writer.
- b. He was a captain on a ship.
- c. He was a general in the army.
- d. He was a baker.

12c. Why did people want George Washington to be the first president?

13a. Who was Martha Washington?

13b. Who was George Washington's wife?

13c. Why is Martha Washington important in American history?

14a. Why is the capital of America named Washington D.C.?

- a. George Washington wanted to name it for himself.
- b. The American people wanted to honor George Washington.

14b. Why is the capital of America named Washington D.C.?

14c. Why is Washington D.C. a good name for the capital of America?

15a. There is a legend that B _____ R _____ made the first American flag.

15b. Who made the first flag according to legend?

15c. Who was Betsy Ross according to legend?

16a. What symbol of American freedom is used to ring out on special occasions?

- a. the Liberty Bell
- b. the Bell of Independence

16b. How was the Liberty Bell used?

- a. It was used to call children to school.
- b. It was rung to begin church services.
- c. It was rung on special occasions.
- d. It was made to sit in a museum.

16c. How was the Liberty Bell used to promote freedom?

17a. Who is the current president of the United States?

- a. George Bush
- b. George Washington

17b. Who is the current president of the United States?

- a. George Bush
- b. George Washington
- c. Benjamin Franklin
- d. Daniel Boone

17c. Who is the current president of the United States?

18a. The original American flag has 13 s_____ and 13 s_____ to represent the thirteen colonies.

18b. What did the original American flag look like?

18c. Compare and contrast the original American flag and the current American flag.

19a. What bird is a symbol of the United States?

- a. a robin
- b. an eagle

19b. What bird is a symbol of the United States?

19c. Why is the eagle a good symbol of America?

The following Colorado Model Content Standards are covered in this assessment by the questions indicated.

Questions 10c, 11a, 11b, 11c: History Standard 4.1. Students understand the impact of scientific and technological developments on individuals and societies.

Questions 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c: History Standard 4.2. Students understand how economic factors have influenced historical events.

Questions 8a, 8b, 8c: History Standard 5.1. Students understand how democratic ideas and institutions in the United States have developed, changed, and/or been maintained.

Questions 8a, 8b, 8c: History Standard 5.2. Students know how various systems of government have developed and functioned throughout history.

Questions 4a, 4b, 4c, 12a, 12b, 12c: History Standard 5.3. Students know how political power has been acquired, maintained, used, and/or lost throughout history.

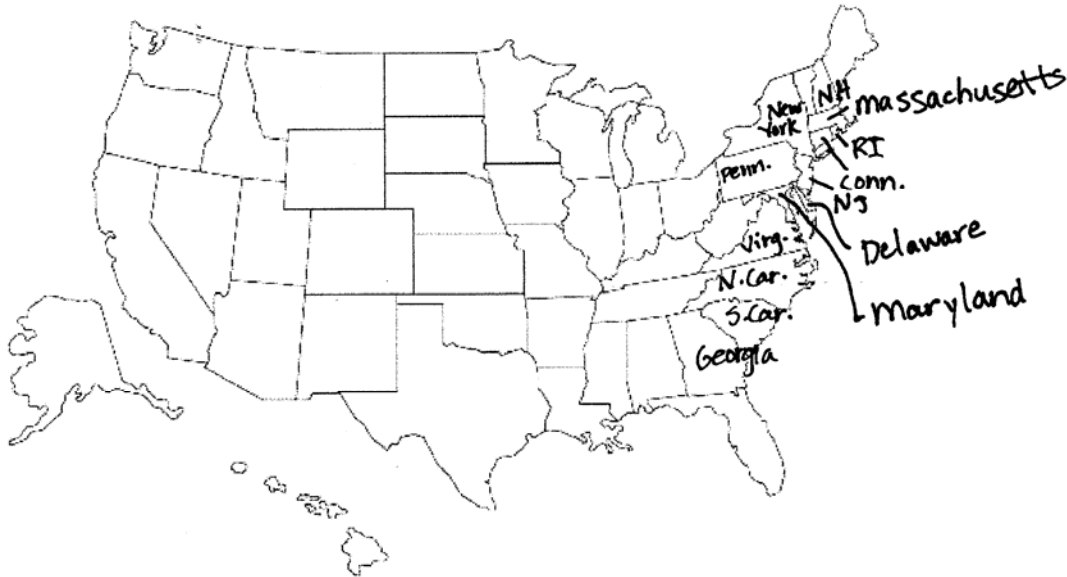
Questions 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c: History Standard 5.4. Students know the history of relationships among different political powers and the development of international relations.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c: Geography Standard 1.1. Students know how to use maps, globes, and other geographic tools to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.

Questions 1a, 1b, 1c: Geography Standard 1.2. Students develop knowledge of Earth to locate people, places, and environments.

Answer Key

- 1a. See map below for answer.



- 1b. See map in 1a for answer.

- 1c. See map in 1a for answer.

- 2a. b. He made laws the colonists didn't like.

- 2b. b. He made laws the colonists didn't like.

- c. He made the colonists pay taxes on many things.

- 2c. Acceptable answers could include:

- he made laws the colonists didn't like
- he ordered them to pay taxes
- he took money and did not give it

- 3a. Boston Tea Party

- 3b. Acceptable answers could include:

- The colonists threw tea into the harbor.

- 3c. Acceptable answers could include:

- they did not pay the taxes
- they threw the tea into the harbor

- 4a. a. They closed the shipping ports and sent soldiers to watch everyone.

- 4b. a. They closed the shipping ports and sent soldiers to guard the colonists.

- 4c. Acceptable answers could include:

- he got angry, he closed the ports
- his soldiers took American goods
- he sent soldiers to guard the colonists
- he made laws that kept the colonists from meeting together

- 5a. land, sea
- 5b. One if by land, two if by sea.
- 5c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -he lit a lamp in the tower to tell the colonists whether the British were coming by land or sea
 -he rode through the town alerting the soldiers
 -he woke the soldiers up so that they were ready to fight the British
- 6a. Redcoats, Minutemen
- 6b. Redcoats and Minutemen
- 6c. Acceptable answers could include:
 - Redcoats and Minutemen
 -The British soldiers wore red coats so they were called the Redcoats.
 -The American soldiers got ready very quickly and were called Minutemen.
- 7a. b. It was a very important moment in the history of America.
- 7b. d. It was a very important moment in the history of America.
- 7c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -it began the war that won America their freedom
 -it was the beginning of the battle for America's freedom
- 8a. Independence
- 8b. The Declaration of Independence
- 8c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -All men should be free, people have rights, a king should not rule other people, people should rule themselves.
- 9a. July 4, 1776
- 9b. c. The colonists signed the Declaration of Independence.
- 9c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -It was the day America was declared a free country, the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- 10a. b. They did not have enough to eat.
- 10b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -they did not have enough food
 -their clothes were ratty, they had no shoes
 -they did not have enough weapons
- 10c. Acceptable answers could include:
 any of the answers from 10b
 -the British had better supplies, more soldiers, and more guns

- 11a. Acceptable answers could include:
 -he discovered electricity
 -he started a printing business
 -he published a newspaper
 -he convinced the French to help the colonists in the war
 -he wrote the almanac with advice and help for people
- 11b. Acceptable answers could include any of the answers for 11a.
- 11c. Acceptable answers could include any of the answers for 11a.
- 12a. a. George Washington
- 12b. c. He was a general in the army.
- 12c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -he was a great general
 -he was a good leader during the Revolutionary War
- 13a. George Washington's wife
- 13b. Martha Washington
- 13c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -she was George Washington's wife
 -she helped her husband the president
- 14a. b. The American people wanted to honor George Washington.
- 14b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The American people wanted to honor George Washington.
- 14c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -The American people wanted to honor George Washington because he was the first president, a great leader, a good general.
- 15a. Betsy Ross
- 15b. Betsy Ross
- 15c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -she made the first American flag
- 16a. a. the Liberty Bell
- 16b. c. It was rung on special occasions.
- 16c. Acceptable answers could include:
 -it was rung on July 4, 1776
 -it was rung on special occasions in America's history
- 17a. a. George Bush
- 17b. a. George Bush
- 17c. George Bush
- 18a. stars and stripes
- 18b. Acceptable answers could include:
 -it had a blue background with 13 white stars in a circle

- it also had 13 stripes in red and white
- 18c. Acceptable answers could include:
 - The original flag had a blue background with 13 white stars in a circle, it also had 13 stripes in red and white, the current flag still has the same stripe, but it has a blue background with 50 white stars.
- 19a. b. an eagle
- 19b. the bald eagle
- 19c. Acceptable answers could include:
 - The bald eagle is powerful and America is a powerful nation
 - the bald eagle flies free and America is free nation