

APUSH CHAPTER 7 ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Write a **supported** response for each of the following on a separate piece of paper:

1. Why did the American Colonies move from loyalty to protest to rebellion in twelve years following the end of the French and Indian War?
2. How did the Americans and the British differ in their views of taxation and of the relationship of colonies to the empire?
3. What was the theory and practice of mercantilism? What were its actual effects on the colonies and why did the colonists resent it so much?
4. What methods did the colonists use in their struggle with British authorities, and how did the British try to counteract them?
5. What Advantages and disadvantages did the American rebels and the British each possess as the war began? What did each side do to mobilize its resources most effectively?
6. Is it correct to argue that the British possessed an overwhelming military advantage at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, but that the Americans possessed the political advantage in ideology and leadership? Why or why not?
7. Could the American people have won their independence without George Washington and the small, professional Continental Army? Why have the myths of the militiaman and the part-time citizen-soldiers loomed so large in American memories of the Revolutionary War?
8. Was the American Revolution inevitable? Or could the thirteen colonies have remained attached to Britain for many years and then peacefully achieved their independence as the British colonies of Canada and Australia later did? How would the “meaning of America” have been different without this violent revolt from the mother country?