7.2 – American Strengths and Weaknesses
1. List three weaknesses of the Americans at the start of the war.

2. Besides patriotism, list two American strengths at the start of the war.

7.3 – British Strengths and Weaknesses
1. List three strengths of the British at the start of the war.

2. List two weaknesses of the British at the start of the war.

7.4 – Great Britain Almost Wins the War
1. Why did the Declaration of Independence increase Americans’ motivation to fight and win the war?

2. For which group of Americans did the Declaration of Independence raise hopes as well as questions?

3. What factors allowed the British to almost win the war in 1776?

7.5 – A Pep Talk and Surprise Victories
1. In your own words, what was the message of Thomas Paine’s pamphlet *The American Crisis*?

2. How were the Americans able to win such an overwhelming victory at Trenton?

3. How did victories at Trenton and Princeton in December 1776 affect American morale?
7.6 – The Tide Begins to Turn
1. As the war progressed, how did Washington revise his military strategy?

2. Why did the American cause look more hopeful after the Battle of Saratoga in 1777?

3. Name two foreigners who were present with the Americans at Valley Forge, and explain how they helped the Americans.

7.7 – The War Moves South
1. What tactics did the Americans use successfully against the British in the Southern Colonies?

2. How did the success of the Continental Army in the South contribute to the American victory?

3. How did the French help the Americans in the Battle of Yorktown?

7.8 – The War Ends
1. How did the British people respond to news of the Battle of Yorktown?

2. What were three key provisions of the Treaty of Paris?