Chapter 9: Social Studies Test

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1-10 Directions: Fill in the blank or circle the best answer for each question.

1. After Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*, many colonists wanted to be independent from _________________.

2. Who had the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence?
   a. Thomas Jefferson
   b. John Adams
   c. John Hancock
   d. George Washington

3. The people in the thirteen colonies who supported independence from the King of England were called _________________.

4. Why did some African Americans choose to fight in the war?
   a. Property
   b. Freedom
   c. Money
   d. Food

5. Which side did most Americans who lived on the frontier join?
   a. Loyalist
   b. Patriot
   c. Neutral

6. The Battle of ________________ can be called the turning point of the Revolutionary War.
7. What is the name of a food that is eaten often in meals and the main source of energy in a person’s diet?
   a. Snack  
   b. Fruit  
   c. Staple  
   d. Nail  

8. __________________ was a staple food for most colonists during the colonial times.

9. Why was Benedict Arnold considered a traitor?
   a. Because he acted against his country.  
   b. Because he supported the King of England.  
   c. Because he was loyal to the Continental Army.  
   d. Because he was a good officer.  

10. One game that colonist’s boys and girls enjoyed to play was _____________________________. To get the most points possible in the game, the children would try to get the black stick worth 25 points! 

11. Which of our presidents actually wrote most of the Declaration of Independence?
   a. George Washington  
   b. Abraham Lincoln  
   c. Theodore Roosevelt  
   d. Thomas Jefferson  

12. The Fourth of July is the birthday of the ________________ ________________ of America.  

13. If someone lived in the colonies but was Loyal to the ________________ they could have been tarred and feathered!
14. Many women in the colonies took part in the war. What were three things that women often
did to help?

1.________________________________________________________________________
2.________________________________________________________________________
3.________________________________________________________________________

15. How was the British Army Different from the Continental Army?

a. The British had a general and the Continental Army did not.

b. The British Army was made up of professional soldiers who were trained.

c. The British Army had guns and the Continental Army fought only with knives.

16. Nathan Hale was a _______________ for General George Washington during the war.

17. What two countries helped the Patriots?

1._______________________________________
2._______________________________________

18. Draw a picture of the early United States Flag.

19. How many stars were on this flag? _________________

20. What did the stars represent?

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