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Use with pages 310–317.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, called it “an expression of the American mind.” Read this excerpt from the Declaration. Then answer the questions that follow. For help, refer to pages 310–317 in your textbook.



1. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

5. What does the Declaration of Independence say people have the right to do if a government becomes destructive?

2. On what date was the Declaration of Independence approved?

6. Why is the Declaration of Independence one of the most important documents in history?

3. What is the first truth mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?

4. What unalienable rights does the Declaration say people have?

TURNING POINTS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The map shows three major battles in the war for independence. Use the map to complete the activities below. Refer to pages 320–325 in your textbook.

1. Circle Trenton in red on the map.

How was the battle of Trenton won?

2. Circle Saratoga in green.

Why was the battle at Saratoga a turning point in the war?

3. Circle Valley Forge in blue.

What happened to the American troops during their winter at Valley Forge?

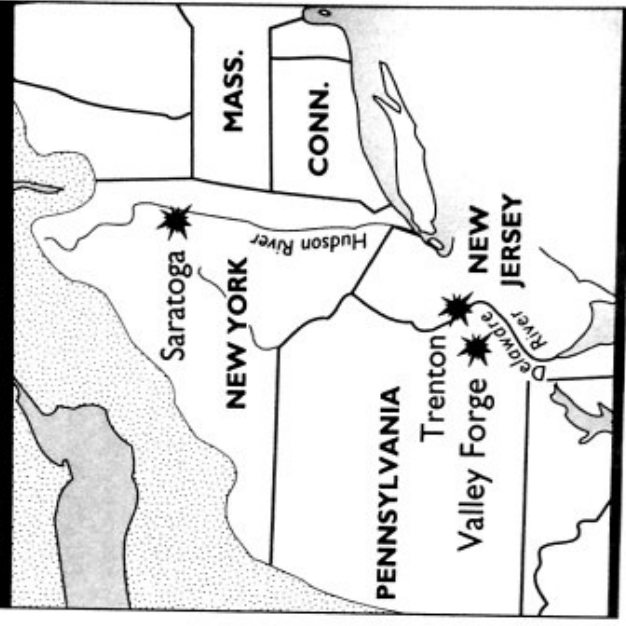
4. Who led the Continental Army during all three of these battles?

What kind of military experience did he have?

5. What were the Continental Army's weaknesses?

6. What were its strengths?

THREE MAJOR BATTLES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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HELPING WIN THE REVOLUTION

Use the pictures below to complete the activities on this page. For help, you can refer to pages 328-335 in your textbook.

1. a. Draw a line to the picture of the person who led American troops in the West.



John Paul Jones

b. What was the name of the fort he captured from the British?

c. Why was the capture of this fort important for the Americans?

2. a. Draw a line to the picture of the person who led the Patriots at sea.



George Rogers Clark

b. What was the name of his ship?

c. What did his victory prove about the American troops?

3. a. Draw a line to the picture of the person who helped American soldiers on the battlefield.



Mary Ludwig Hays

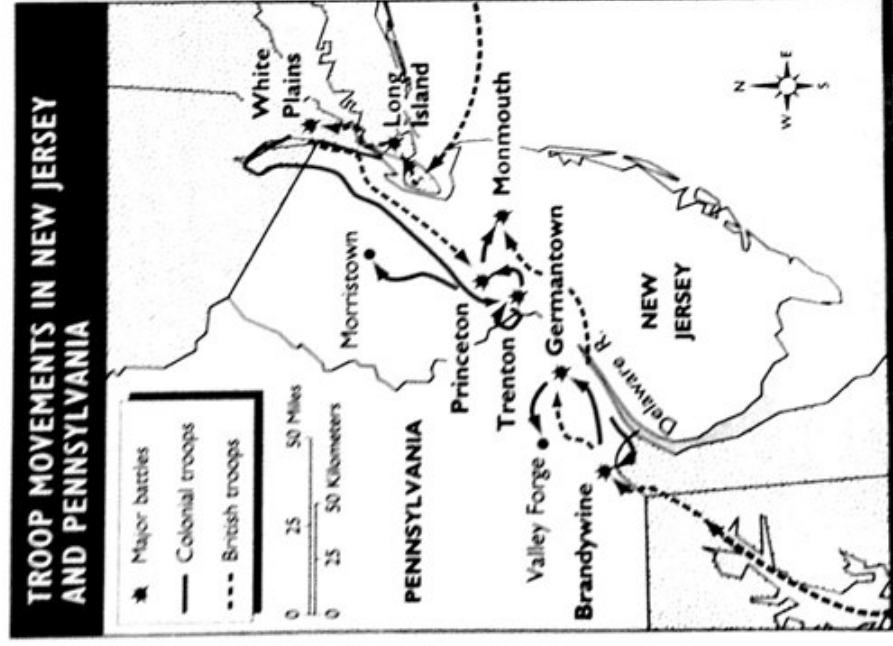
b. How did she help?

c. Who were two other women who helped the American cause?

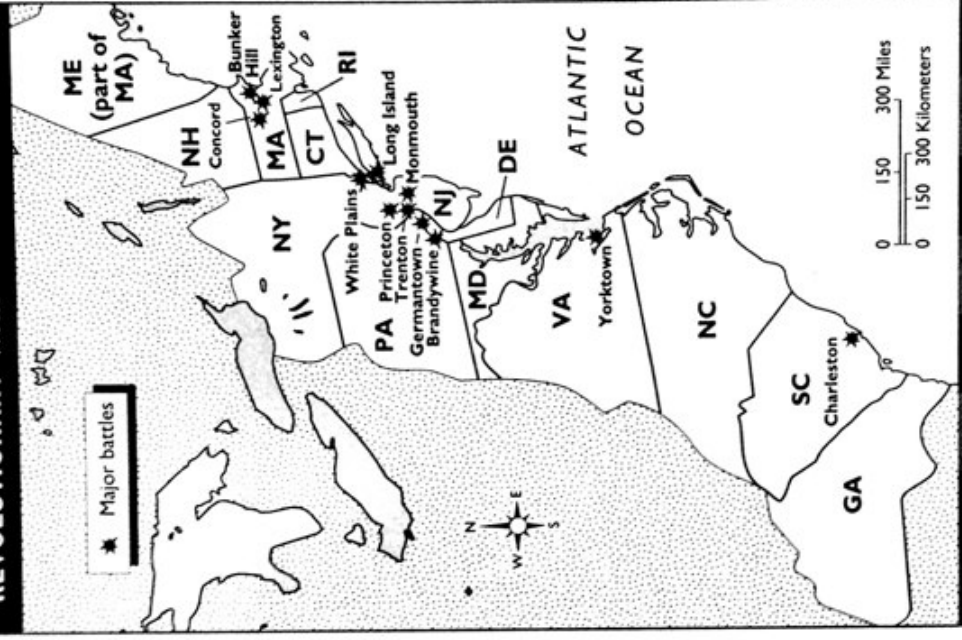
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COMPARING MAPS AT DIFFERENT SCALES

Use the maps below to complete the activities on this page. For help, you can refer to pages 336–337 in your textbook.



SOME MAJOR BATTLES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR



1. How many colonies are shown on the small-scale map? _____
How many colonies are shown on the large-scale map? _____
2. Which map would you use to find the direction in which colonial troops moved through New Jersey? _____
3. What does the large-scale map show that the small-scale map does not? _____
4. Suppose you were Washington planning the battles in the Middle Colonies. Which map would be more helpful? Why? _____

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LINKING NEW WORDS AND IDEAS

Write each term from the box next to the sentence that tells something about it. For help, you can refer to the lessons in Chapter 12 of your textbook.

traitor	mercenary	Treaty of Paris	Second Continental Congress
Patriot	Loyalist	Continental Army	Declaration of Independence

1. This meeting of colonial delegates began in May 1775 to decide how to respond to the fighting between the British and the colonists.

2. This fighting force was made up of colonial troops to protect the colonies against British attack.

3. This term was applied to a colonist who supported the fight for independence.

4. This term describes someone who turns against his or her country.

5. This document explained why the colonies were breaking away from Great Britain and set out the rights and responsibilities of people in a democracy.

6. This is a soldier who is paid to fight for another country.

7. This term was applied to a colonist who remained loyal to Britain during the American Revolution.

8. In this 1783 document the British recognized the United States' independence and agreed upon new boundaries for the United States.
