US HISTORY

CHAPTER 8 READING

**Directions: Use pages 141 – 162 in order to answer the following questions.**

**Pages 141 – 152 (skip 150-151)**

1. What was the single most important action of the Continental Congress?

2. Why was George Washington a natural leader?

3. Why was the selection of Washington political?

4. Who led the force that captured Fort Ticonderoga?

5. Why was the use of Hessians shocking to the colonists?

6. Why were the French Canadians not interested in helping the colonists?

7. What was Paine’s argument for independence in *Common Sense*?

8. What mattered most in a republic?

9. Why were some colonists fearful of liberty?

10. Who put forth a resolution for the colonies to declare their independence?

11. What could be sought as a result of the colonies declaring independence?

12. What percentage of colonists wished to remain loyal to the king?

13. Who made up the bulk of the loyalist group?

14. What event led to an increase in mistreatment of the loyalists?

15. Why didn’t Howe destroy Washington’s army after its retreat to Pennsylvania?

**Pages 153 – 158 (Stop before the Land Frontier and the Sea Frontier)**

16. Why was Lake Champlain so important?

17. Who was stopped by the British invasion of New York?

18. Where did General Howe lead his army instead of attacking up the Hudson?

19. Why was the Battle of Saratoga so important to the colonists?

20. How did the French help the colonists?

21. What did the British offer the colonists after Saratoga?

22. Why were colonists somewhat reluctant to join an alliance with France?

23. What did France provide the colonists?

24. Who turned traitor in 1780? Why?

25. Who was successful in driving the British out of Georgia and South Carolina?

**Pages 158 – 162**

26. Why did most of the Indians side with the British?

27. What were privateers?

28. What financial problem were the colonists dealing with in 1780 and 1781?

29. What happened at Yorktown?

30. What song was played at the surrender of Yorktown?

31. Who was sent to negotiate the peace treaty with England?

32. What did America receive as a result of the Treaty of Paris 1783?