**CHAPTER 8: AMERICA SECEDES FROM THE EMPIRE**

1. What actions did the Second Continental Congress take in 1775?
2. What traits did Washington display as commander of the Revolutionary Army?
3. What was important about the colonial invasion of Canada in 1775?
4. When did England consider America to be in rebellion?
5. Why did the colonists delay declaring independence until July, 1776?
6. What were the three parts of the Declaration of Independence (read it from the back of your book)?
7. Who proposed the idea of independence to the Continental Congress?
8. What were the major points of Thomas Paine's Common Sense?
9. What is a republic?
10. What percentage of Americans supported the revolution?
11. What were the characteristics of those who continued to support Britain?
12. What was the British military strategy early in the war?
13. What battle convinced the French that the Americans could win the war?
14. What was the impact of French assistance during the Revolutionary War?
15. Why did Native Americans generally support the British?
16. What battle effectively ended the war? How long did fighting continue after the battle?
17. What were the instructions given by the Continental Congress to American diplomats working on the peace treaty with Britain? Did they listen?
18. Why were the British so generous in their peace terms with the Americans?
19. What happened to the Loyalists following the Revolution?