



My Brother Sam is Dead

Handout 6: Liberty—Perspectives

Use the information found on the Liberty Web site to answer the following questions:
<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/perspectives/index.html>.

Daily Life in the Colonies

1. What farm animal cost about £20 (20 pounds)? _____
2. Who was responsible for outside duties such as planting crops and building fences?

3. What types of livestock would a comfortable farmer in the north own?
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____.
4. During which seasons was most traveling done in the colonies?
_____ and _____.
5. In the colonies it was common to start each day with what?

6. How much could a typical landless farm laborer expect to earn in a year?

7. What percentage of colonial families lived in rural areas? _____
8. During what season were women most free from labor? _____
9. Who was responsible for indoor duties such as food preparation and making clothes?

10. What animal did Ben Franklin think should be our national symbol?

11. A majority of the residents of colonial America could not do what?
_____ or _____.
12. What was considered the favorite meat in the colonies? _____

The Global Village

1. Who was killed in Hawaii in 1779? _____
2. Who was the American sea captain who defeated the British warship *Serapis* off the coast of France in 1779? _____
3. What was the population of London in 1790? _____
4. Who was the ruler of Russia at the time of the American Revolution?

5. In what year was San Francisco founded? _____
6. Which European countries declared war on Great Britain in 1779?
_____ and _____.
7. Who led the attack on the British forts at Baton Rouge and Natchez?

8. Who helped secure the American frontier for the colonist cause by capturing Vincennes, Indiana from the British garrison in 1779? _____

Military Perspectives

1. Who did American colonists learn their fighting techniques from?

2. Kentucky Rifles were accurate at up to _____ yards.
3. Was it considered an advantage to give or to take an opening volley?

4. The standard infantry weapon during the Revolution was a flintlock musket called a

5. Which usually determined the outcome of a battle, the infantry or the cavalry?

6. Which American colony did not maintain a militia before the American Revolution?

7. Why were rifled guns not considered the best for military use?

8. What was the primary goal of the militia? _____