

Guided Reading

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networks**The American Revolution****Lesson 1** *The War for Independence***ESSENTIAL QUESTION***Why does conflict develop?***The Two Armies Face Off**

Listing In the first column, list the strengths of the British military at the time of the American Revolution. In the second column, note the strengths of the Patriot forces.

Strengths of the British Military	Strengths of the Patriot Forces
1. _____ Strongest navy in the world	Higher sense of purpose and motivation 4. _____
2. _____ Wealth of worldwide empire	Guerilla warfare tactics 5. _____
3. _____	Support of women on the battlefield and at home

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True or False Use your textbook to determine if each statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank next to the statement. If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

- ☐ 1. The Patriots outnumbered the British at the Battle of Long Island.

- ☐ 2. Nathan Hale was a schoolteacher who was hanged for spying on the British troops.

- ☐ 3. Following their defeat at the Battle of Long Island, the British fled to Pennsylvania.

- ☐ 4. In the winter of 1776, the Patriot cause was near collapse.

- ☐ 5. George Washington asked Congress to allow African Americans to enlist in the British army.

- ☐ 6. Despite the ban on African Americans serving in the army, many states allowed them to enlist.

- ☐ 7. In a surprise attack on Christmas night in 1776, Washington defeated the British in Philadelphia.

Guided Reading *Cont.***networks****The American Revolution****British Strategy**

Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. **Explaining** Why did the British plan to seize control of Albany, New York, in 1777?

2. **Making Connections** Why do you think British General Howe wanted to capture Philadelphia?

3. **Describing** What slowed General Burgoyne and his army's journey toward Albany?

4. **Identifying** What militia group prevented General Burgoyne's army from capturing supplies from an American supply base at Bennington, Vermont?

5. **Making Connections** Why was the Battle of Saratoga an important victory for the Americans?

