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This exam of the American Revolution consists of:

- 20 stimulus based multiple-choice questions (4 points each)
- Students choose 4 of 5 short response questions (5 points each)

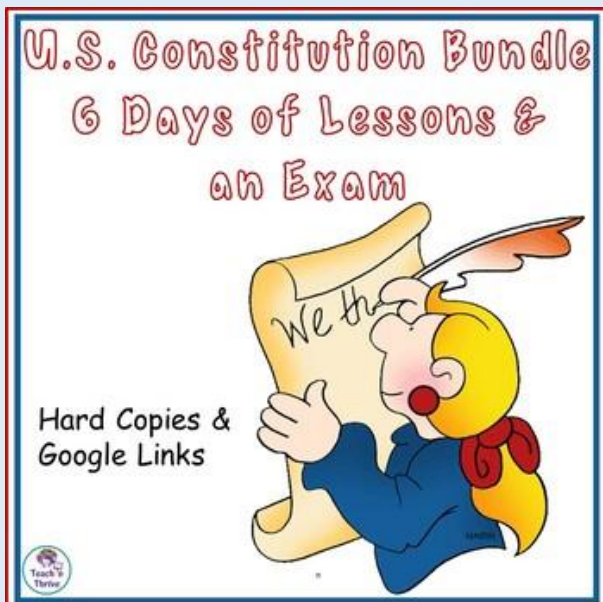
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For ease of grading, I left off the last question on Google Forms (instead of allowing students to choose any 4 of the 5). You can always edit.

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Warmest wishes, Joan

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**Exam – The American Revolution****Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.**

- One effect of the Seven Years' War was
  - The advent of the Virginia House of Burgesses
  - The colonists suffered millions of casualties
  - The colonies were more self-governed due to salutary neglect
  - the French signed the Treaty of Paris

- "No taxation without representation" refers to
  - The colonies' inability to vote in Parliament
  - Lower tariffs for the southern states
  - The colonies inability to admit new states to the union
  - New taxes imposed in the southern colonies

3. Which of the following is NOT a cause of the American Revolution?

- The Intolerable Acts
- The Stamp Act
- mercantilism
- capitalism

**Base your answers to questions 4 and 5 on the following:**

"Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer." - Common Sense

4. Which statement best explains Thomas Paine's opinion of government?

- Monarchy is the best form of government
- Governments are unfortunately necessary
- Governments are unnecessary
- Citizens should vote for a government that's not evil

5. The purpose of writing *Common Sense* was

- To publish and send to King George III
- To explain why the colonies should declare independence
- To explain the inadequacies of sovereignty
- To replace King George III with a new monarch

- The Intolerable Acts were a response to
  - the Boston Massacre
  - the Boston Tea Party
  - the Sugar Act
  - the Stamp Act

Patrick Henry on the Revolution:

***"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"***

7. According to this quote Patrick Henry's sentiments on independence

- reveals he is steadfastly against going to war
- shows his loyalty to the King
- reflects his overall love of life
- states his readiness fight for his freedom

8. Henry would NOT agree with the ideas of

- John Locke
- Baron de Montesquieu
- King George
- Thomas Paine

9. The initial battle of the American Revolution was

- The Battle of Lexington and Concord
- The Battle of Bunker Hill
- The Battle of Ticonderoga
- The Battle of Fort Hill

10. The battle that is considered a turning point in the revolution because it was a victory for the Patriots was

- The Battle of Fort Hill
- The Battle of Saratoga
- The Battle of Trenton
- The Battle of Yorktown

11. What was the purpose of the Olive Branch Petition?

- An economic initiative among plantation owners
- A petition by the Catholic of Maryland to align with the other colonies
- An attempt by the Continental Congress to make peace with the king
- An example of mercantilism

Excerpt: Declaration of Independence  
 He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most *wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.*

12. This portion of the Declaration of Independence is
  1. explaining how a government should be run
  2. explaining a list of grievances against the king
  3. calling for representative houses to be repealed
  4. complaining about the dangers of revolution
13. Britain's reaction to this document was
  1. To send British troops to the colonies and start a war
  2. to try and compromise with the colonists
  3. to explain the reasons for the laws placed upon the colonies
  4. to give in to the colonists' demands
14. This document is a turning point because
  1. Britain's colonies had never before protested against it
  2. it was the first document authored by Thomas Jefferson
  3. Enlightenment ideas were opposed
  4. The United States of America was created
15. Which of the following was NOT an advantage held by the British during the American Revolution?
  1. Superior trained soldiers
  2. A powerful navy
  3. In-depth knowledge of the land
  4. More weapons
16. Paul Revere is famous for his
  1. Bravery during the Battle of Yorktown
  2. Horseback ride to warn of the British coming
  3. His fierce resistance to the war
  4. The publication of his book *Common Sense*



Boston Massacre

17. The event depicted in this picture
    1. angered colonists because the British fired on unarmed protesters
    2. was the beginning of the American Revolution
    3. killed hundreds of innocent people
    4. was justified in the eyes of the colonists
  18. Which group would use this event to call for independence?
    1. Parliament
    2. Virginia House of Burgesses
    3. the Ku Klux Klan
    4. the Sons of Liberty
- “many of these unhappy people may still retain their loyalty, and may be too wise not to see the fatal consequence of this usurpation, and wish to resist it, yet the torrent of violence has been strong enough to compel their acquiescence, till a sufficient force shall appear to support them.”*** King George to Parliament
19. What message is the king sending to Parliament in this speech?
    1. He is planning on sending troops to attack the colonists
    2. He is concerned about the violence perpetrated by the colonists
    3. He is giving in to the colonists' demands
    4. He is calling back all of the unhappy colonists
  20. What group of colonists were against fighting for independence?
    1. the Sons of Liberty
    2. the Knights of Columbus
    3. Loyalists
    4. Patriots

**Choose 4 of the following questions. Answer each in paragraph form.**

21. Explain the advantages and disadvantages faced by the Patriots.

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22. Describe the advantages and disadvantages held by the British during the American Revolution.

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23. Identify 3 events that helped lead to the American Revolution.

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24. What was the role of the French in the American Revolution?

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25. Describe the role of the First and Second Continental Congress.

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# Answer Key

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