



We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution

QUIZ

Unit One, Lesson 5

“What ideas did the Founders use in the Declaration of Independence?”

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Date _____

Vocabulary Matching

Directions: Write the letter of the definition next to the appropriate vocabulary words.

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| 1. American Revolution_____ | a. (noun) people who supported Great Britian during the Revolution (a.k.a. Tories) |
| 2. Continental Congress_____ | b. (noun) statement that listed the basic principles of democratic government and gave reasons why the colonists wanted to free themselves from British rule; approved by the members of Congress July 4, 1776 |
| 3. Declaration of Independence_____ | c. (noun) war fought by the American colonists to gain independence from Great Britian. It took place from 1775 to 1781. |
| 4. Loyalists_____ | d. (noun) people who supported the war for independence against Great Britian |
| 5. Patriots_____ | e. (noun) rules or standards of behavior |
| 6. principles_____ | f. (noun) the national legislature which governed the American colonies from 1774 until the adoption of the Articles of Confederation |

Short Answer

Directions: Answer the following question in the space provided below. If you need additional space, continue your answer on the back of the page.

7. Why did some people in the colonies not support the Declaration of Independence?

Multiple Choice

Directions: Read the following partial statements carefully. Circle only the best answer that completes each statement.

8. The colonists felt their rights weren't being protected because
 - a. they did not have representatives to speak for them in the British government.
 - b. the British government imposed taxes on the colonists without their consent.
 - c. they felt the British Parliament was passing laws restricting their freedom.
 - d. they felt the king was not serving the common good of the colonies.
 - e. the colonists believed all of the above.

9. The Founders wrote the Declaration of Independence to
 - a. share basic ideas about people and government with the rest of the world.
 - b. explain why they thought we should be free from British rule.
 - c. give a list of complaints against the British king.
 - d. share all of the information listed above.

10. About one-third of the colonists
 - a. wanted to remain loyal to the king.
 - b. wanted to be independent.
 - c. hadn't made up their minds about becoming independent or remaining loyal.
 - d. All of the above statements are true.

11. According to the Declaration of Independence
 - a. people are the masters of government and not the other way around.
 - b. if the government violates the rights of its people, the people cannot change the government or get rid of it.
 - c. the power of government comes from its representatives.
 - d. None of the above are true.

12. According to the Declaration of Independence
 - a. government should not protect the people's rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
 - b. a government should be changed or abolished if it does not protect the rights of its citizens.
 - c. the people should remain loyal to the king.
 - d. Both a and b are true.

Lesson 5 Answers

1. C 2. F 3. B 4. A 5. D 6. E 7. SEE PAGE 46, "REVIEW
THE LESSON," QUESTION 6; 8. E 9. D 10. D 11. A 12. B