9. What was the Boston Tea Party?

Protest in which Bostonians (Sons of Liberty) dressed as Indians dumped British tea into the harbor.

10. What were the Intolerable Acts?

Laws passed in 1774 by Britain as a punishment for the Boston Tea Party.

The American Revolution
Define:
Loyalists—Colonists who stayed loyal to Great Britain during the American Revolution

Patriots—Colonist who supported the American Revolution

Traitors—people who betray his/her country

Blockade—shutting off a port by ships to keep people of supplies from moving in or out

Thomas Jefferson—Patriot, author of the Declaration of Independence

George Washington—Patriot—Commander of the Continental Army

1. Why did Thomas Paine, the author of Common Sense, support American independence?

Believed all people had natural rights and that Great Britain was abusing that right

2. According to the Declaration of Independence, what does everyone have a right to have?

Natural rights

3. What was the main purpose of the Declaration of Independence?

Announce to the world that the colonies were a free and independent country

4. What were some strengths and weaknesses of the American army at the start of the Revolution?

Strengths—home field advantage, motivation
Weaknesses—Money, men, training

5. What were some of the hardships faced by Americans at the start of the war?

Lack of training, men with experience and supplies

6. What plan did the British devise to split the colonies in two?

Take over the Hudson River Valley to divide New England Colonies from Middle Colonies

7. Describe the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge. What was it like for the American soldiers?

Bitter cold weather, lack of food and supplies, diseases spread quickly

8. What battle was a turning point in the war for the Americans? Why?

Battle of Saratoga—French support after the victory