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1776 - American Revolution

Directions: Answer the questions provided below on this video guide while following along with the plot of the documentary.

1. As the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, who did John Adams have in mind to lead the new colonial militia? Why was Adams decision instrumental in sealing support for Congressional measures?
2. What personal characteristics about Adams pick for militia commander made him stand out as a confident pick for leader of the colonial matters?
3. What prevented Washington from speaking out as much as a leader typically would during this critical time in American creation?
4. Who was Benedict Arnold? Why is his name synonymous with the term traitor?
5. Explain the benefit of the colonial victory from Fort Ticonderoga.
6. Who was the "14th colony" sought after in order to aid the American colonists? Who was asked to lead the military ranks during the attack?
7. Describe the trek that Benedict Arnold and his regiment endured while attempting to break into British Canada. When did things begin to turn for them?
8. What was the plan in order to besiege the city of Quebec? Was it a success?
9. When Ben Franklin returned to the colonies in the summer of 1775 what major task did he take on concerning personal matters with him and his son?

10. What was the significance of the "Olive Branch Petition" sent to England in 1774?

11. How did Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" pamphlet influence a variety of groups in the colonies?

12. What role did Thomas Jefferson play in constructing documents for representing the colonies? Did he have faith in himself to actually commit to this task?

13. What important factor was omitted from the wording of the Declaration of Independence before it would be adopted by the colonists in July 1776?

14. Why was July 4th 1776 a somber day for Benjamin Franklin?

15. Why was it important for General Washington to read out loud the wording of the Declaration of Independence to his troops on July 9th 1776?

16. How did the British react to the release of the Declaration of Independence?

17. Why was New York an important feat to gain during the Revolutionary War?

18. What did David Bushnell invent to aid the colonial troops during the war? Did the invention help during the war?

19. Discuss the relationship between colonial leaders Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.

20. The video leaves off with an agreed stalemate in fighting on behalf of the British and the colonists. Using our textbook explain how did the Revolutionary War concluded?