

V. Thoroughly respond to the following questions. Write in complete sentences on lined paper. Answer questions ____ and ____ !

A. If you had to choose, which ONE of the following events would you say is MOST responsible for causing the American Revolutionary War? Support your choice in a well-constructed PARAGRAPH full of detail.

- Proclamation of 1763
- Stamp Act
- Boston Tea Party
- formation of militias
- *Common Sense*

Include:

- ____ Topic sentence responding to question
- ____ Thorough explanation for choice
- ____ Depth of thought (answer every "Why?")
- ____ Concluding sentence restating answer

B. During the years leading up to the Revolutionary War, Loyalists thought the Patriots were, in fact, unpatriotic traitors to their country. WHY? In addition, Patriots thought Loyalists were unpatriotic to their country. WHY? Explain both of these positions, and then give your opinion about who was right. Support your opinion in a few paragraphs full of detail.

- ____ Thorough explanation why Loyalists thought Patriots were unpatriotic (shorter paragraph)
- ____ Thorough explanation why Patriots thought Loyalists were unpatriotic (shorter paragraph)
- ____ Clear statement of which position you feel is right
- ____ Thorough explanation of why you chose that position

C. Choose ONE of the following and explain what it was, how it influenced the colonists, and how it helped lead to the American Revolution.

- Magna Carta
- English Bill of Rights
- House of Burgesses
- Mayflower Compact

Include:

- ____ Explanation of what it is
- ____ Explanation of influence on colonists
- ____ Strong connection to Am. Revolution

D. European thinker John Locke had ideas that influenced the colonists' thoughts about government. Many of these ideas, such as natural rights philosophy and social contract theory, later showed up in the U.S. Declaration of Independence. In a couple of paragraphs, describe Locke's ideas and connect them to American history, explaining specifically how they led the colonists to declare independence from the British. Include:

- ____ Complete explanation of natural rights philosophy
- ____ Complete explanation of social contract theory
- ____ Details about how specific events in American history demonstrate these ideas
- ____ Explanation of how these ideas influenced colonists' decision to declare independence