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The American Revolution

Lesson 4 *The Final Years*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why does conflict develop?

Victory at Yorktown

Fill in the Blanks Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box. Use another sheet of paper if necessary.

warships	Rochambeau	Yorktown
Washington	peninsula	Lafayette
strategy	secret	Cornwallis
siege	surrendered	Chesapeake Bay
New York	Rhode Island	Clinton

In 1780, events took place that changed the direction of the American Revolution. In July, French **(1)** _____ arrived. They appeared off of the city of Newport in **(2)** _____. They were lead by the French commander Comte de **(3)** _____. They met up with the leader of the Continental Army, General **(4)** _____, north of New York City. They awaited the arrival of another fleet of French ships. When these reinforcements came, the two commanders planned to attack a British army base, which was under the command of General **(5)** _____.

In 1781, General Washington sent Anthony Wayne and Marquis de **(6)** _____ down to help in the Southern fight. Soon, Washington learned that the second French fleet would arrive much farther south than planned. He decided to change

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his plan of attack, or **(7)** _____ . He kept this plan a **(8)** _____ in order to surprise the enemy.

Washington and Rochambeau marched out of the state of **(9)** _____ south toward Virginia. Lafayette and Wayne had British general **(10)** _____ trapped there in the city of **(11)** _____. The British leader could not escape because the city was on a **(12)** _____, a piece of land surrounded on three sides by water. His escape by ocean was stopped by the second French fleet, which was stationed in **(13)** _____. The British were trapped. The Americans and French began blocking the movement of people and goods, which is known as a **(14)** _____. Soon after, they began an attack on Yorktown. Cornwallis could see his position was hopeless, and soon **(15)** _____.

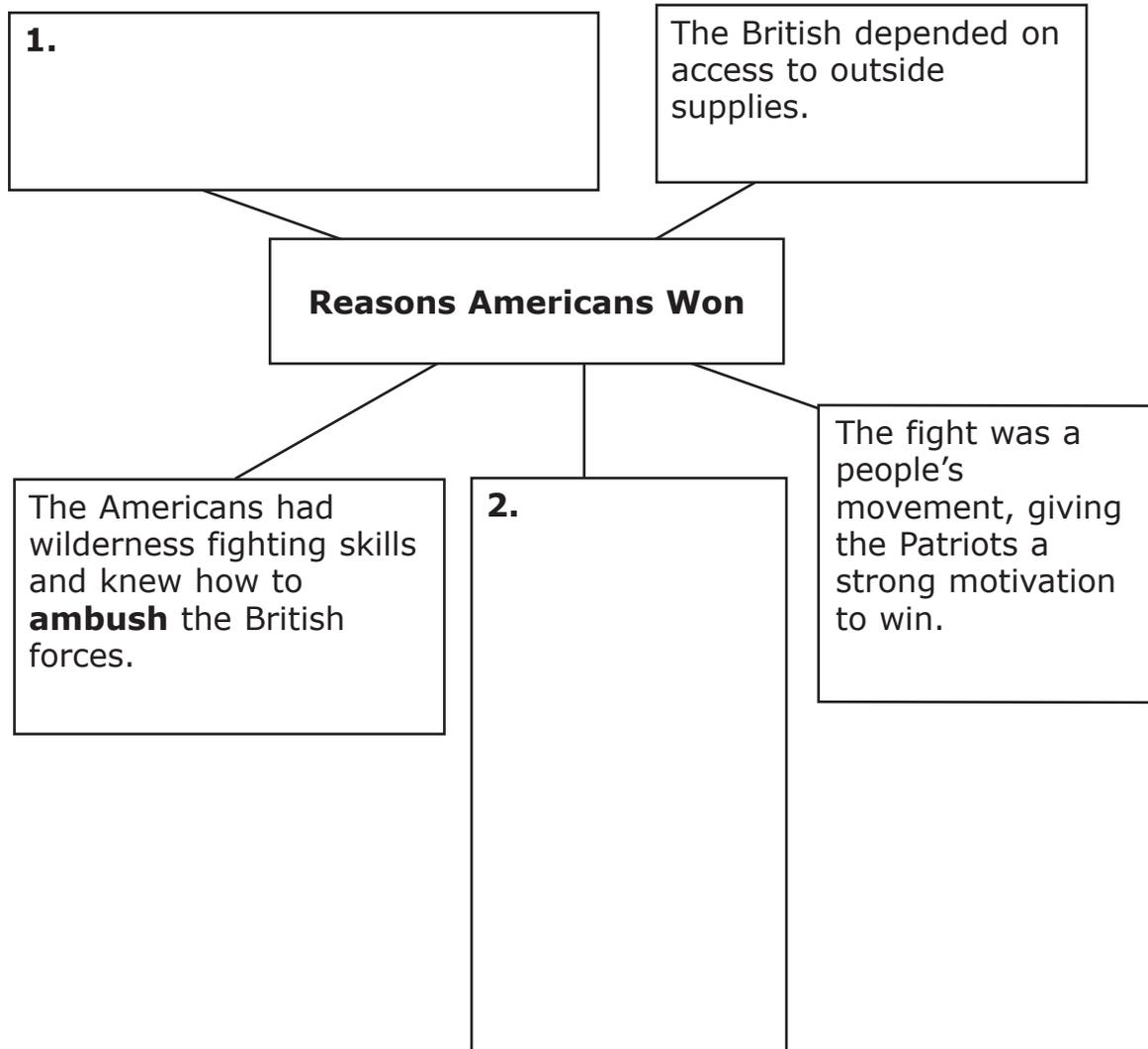
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Independence Achieved

Answering Questions Even though Great Britain had a superior fighting force and the wealth to keep it well supplied, the Patriots still won the fight for independence. Fill in the missing elements of the graphic organizer below to note some of the reasons that America ultimately won the American Revolution. Then answer the questions that follow.



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3. Defining Explain what the word ambush means.

4. Explaining How did foreign individuals help the United States during the American Revolution?

5. Identifying Name two other nations that helped the Patriot cause during the American Revolution.

6. Listing Name three of the agreements made in the Treaty of Paris.

7. Determining Cause and Effect How did the principles of the American Revolution affect other people in other parts of the world?
