

Vocabulary Builder

The American Revolution

A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Select a vocabulary term from the box that best answers each question below. More than one term may answer a question. Write the term(s) in the blank. Some terms may be used more than once.

mercenary	inflation	privateer	ratify
recruit	blockade	siege	ambush
desert			

- Which action word means
 - to enlist? _____
 - to abandon your post? _____
- Which of these nouns is
 - a soldier for hire? _____
 - a privately owned ship with weapons? _____
 - a rise in prices? _____
- Which two words involve blocking the movement of people or goods?
 - _____
 - _____
- Which of these action words means
 - to approve? _____
 - to surprise the enemy? _____

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B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions In each sentence below, fill in the blank with a vocabulary term from the box. Not all words will be used.

transfer
issue

strategy
previous

impact
pursue

aid
sustain

1. After their difficult _____ experience with the British Parliament, colonists were not eager to move, or _____, power to their own Continental Congress.
2. In February 1778, France declared war on Britain and sent money, equipment, and troops to help, or _____, the American Patriots.
3. While the war for independence did have some _____ on changing people's views about freedom and equality, the matter, or _____, of slavery would not be resolved for many years.
4. When word came that the second French fleet would land near Chesapeake Bay, General Washington decided to change his plan, or _____.
5. During the American Revolution, one side might have won a battle but also _____, or suffered, great losses of life in the process.

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions Complete the chart below with the correct word forms.
You may use a dictionary or thesaurus to help you.

Vocabulary Word	Related Term	Synonym or Antonym?
<i>Example:</i> HOT	COLD	ANTONYM
PURSUE	CHASE	1.
AMBUSH	2.	SYNONYM
INFLATION	PRICE DROP	3.
DESERT	4.	SYNONYM
STRATEGY	PLAN	5.
TRANSFER	RETAIN	6.
PREVIOUS	7.	ANTONYM
RATIFY	DISAPPROVE	8.
AID	9.	ANTONYM
IMPACT	EFFECT	10.