



Quick Check

George Washington

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Washington warn the country about forming too large an army?
 - Ⓐ He thought it would be best to have France defend America instead.
 - Ⓑ He believed it would encourage military conflicts.
 - Ⓒ He thought men should go into farming instead of the military.
 - Ⓓ He believed America was too young to have a large military.
2. What caused the French to join forces with the colonists against the British?
 - Ⓐ They were seeking revenge after losing the French and Indian War.
 - Ⓑ The leader of the French army was a friend of George Washington.
 - Ⓒ They thought they could control the colonies after the war.
 - Ⓓ The French king wanted to move to America and build a new palace.
3. What happened after General Howe captured Philadelphia in 1777?
 - Ⓐ Washington's army was forced to retreat to Valley Forge.
 - Ⓑ The colonists, with the help of the French, surrounded Philadelphia and defeated the British.
 - Ⓒ Washington organized a surprise attack on Christmas night.
 - Ⓓ The colonists called on Native Americans to help them take back Philadelphia.

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4. What conclusions can readers draw about George Washington?

- Ⓐ He was a pushover who let others tell him what to do and how to lead.
- Ⓑ He was a wealthy businessman who used his background in business to form the nation.
- Ⓒ He was a brutal leader who wanted power and wealth only for himself.
- Ⓓ He was a strong leader, both in the military and in politics, who helped form the United States.

5. What is an **alliance**?

- Ⓐ the main governing body of the American colonies
- Ⓑ close association between countries or other groups that work together
- Ⓒ the removal of a government from power by force
- Ⓓ a circumstance that serves as an example for later or similar situations

6. **Extended Response:** George Washington was described as “first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen.” What does this quote mean? Use specific examples from the book in your answer.



1. **(B)** *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. **(A)** *Cause and Effect*
3. **(A)** *Sequence Events*
4. **(D)** *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. **(B)** *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but should include specific examples from the book when Washington was first in war (*leading the army against the British*), first in peace (*electing to not get involved when France and Britain were going to fight again*), and first in the hearts of his countrymen (*being asked to lead the army and being elected president*).