

## APUSH

### REVOLUTION- AMERICA SECEDES FROM THE EMPIRE -1775-1783

#### Chapter 8

##### **KNOW:**

Second Continental Congress  
Olive Branch Petition  
Mercy Otis Warren  
Hessians  
privateers

*Letters From a Pennsylvania Farmer*  
Richard Henry Lee  
Lord Charles Cornwallis  
Abigail Adams

##### **BE ABLE TO:**

1. Why were Americans so reluctant to break with Britain? How does the Declaration of Independence explain “the causes that impel them to separation?”
2. What effect did Thomas Paine have on the drive to independence and why?
3. What effect did Thomas Jefferson have on the drive to independence and why?
4. In what ways was the Revolution a civil war among Americans as well as a fight between Britain and those Americans seeking independence? Why have Loyalists generally been forgotten in the story of Americans beginning?
5. **Argue for and against:** Even though it was necessary to achieve American independence, the American alliance with the reactionary French monarchy violated revolutionary ideals and demonstrated their impracticality of international relations.
6. **Argue for and against:** Washington was a great general not so much because of his victories but because of his brilliant strategic retreats.
7. In what ways did the principles of the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence emerge from the practical historical experience of the American people, and in what ways did it reflect the abstract Enlightenment beliefs in a new age of progress, liberty, and human right?

##### **FYI- For Your Information- Past A.P. essays on this area of study:**

1. The Declaration of Independence has been variously interpreted as a bid for French support, an attempt to swing uncommitted Americans to the Revolutionary cause, a statement of universal principles, and an affirmation of the traditional rights of Englishmen. To what extent, if any, are these interpretations in conflict? (1975)
2. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. Evaluate this accusation made against George III in the Declaration of Independence. (1988)