1. What 3 decisions were made by the Second Continental Congress? –form Continental Army; George Washington as Commander in Chief; to declare independence
2. Who wrote *Common Sense?* – Thomas Paine
3. Why was *Common Sense* convincing to many people? – powerful words; easy to understand
4. What was the result of many people reading *Common Sense?* – convinced the Americans it was time to declare independence; wrote the Declaration of Independence
5. What is the main argument in the Declaration of Independence? – People are born with rights that cannot be taken away!
6. What does the Declaration of Independence say about Britain?

-The British were abusing their power

1. Why did some choose not to sign the Declaration of Independence? – they were afraid; considered a traitor
2. Why did the British leave Boston? – They saw the CANNONS!
3. Who helped force the British out of Boston? -Washington
4. What effect did the victory at Trenton have on Americans? – renewed their hope!
5. What was the effect of the Battle at Saratoga? – France joined the Americans to fight against Britain
6. Why did African American PATRIOTS fight in the war? – because they thought American Independence meant for everyone
7. Describe Prince Hall. – patriot; led the struggle to end slavery
8. List 3 contributions made by women during the war. -1) cooked for the army 2) visited the wounded 3) mended their clothes
9. How did Von Steuben help the Continental Army? – trained them to become a professional army
10. What nations fought against the British with the Americans? – France and Spain
11. How did Washington defeat the British at Yorktown? - Washington had the French surround the British
12. What was the result of the American victory at Yorktown? – American Revolution ended
13. Why was the Continental Army formed before sending the Olive Branch Petition? – Americans wanted to defend themselves in case the King did not accept the petition (peaceful solution).
14. What was the result of sending the Olive Branch Petition? –King George III said it was an illegal rebellion and wanted to “put a speedy end” or start war.
15. Explain why many colonists were convinced it was time to declare independence. – *Common Sense*,