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American Revolution - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What system did Paul Revere set up to signal that the British were coming?

- A. firing several shots
- C. wearing a red coat
- B. sending a boat down the Charles River
- ☒ D. hanging a lantern in a church

2. Why didn't the colonists like the Tea Acts?

- A. They prevented the colonists from exporting tea.
- C. They raised taxes on tea.
- ☒ B. They gave the British a monopoly on selling tea.
- D. They stated that the colonists could not grow tea in America.

3. How did the colonists get access to British ships during the Boston Tea Party?

- A. They attacked and killed the British guards.
- ☒ C. They dressed like Mohawk Indians.
- B. They paid the ship's captain to let them on.
- D. They pretended to be British soldiers.

4. What was a major effect of the Boston Tea Party?

- ☒ A. King George understood that the colonists were unhappy.
- C. Paul Revere warned colonists that the British were coming.
- B. All shipments of tea to America stopped.
- D. The Declaration of Independence was signed.

5. Which of the following was true about the Minutemen?

- A. There were more of them than British soldiers.
- C. They had trained as soldiers all their lives.
- ☒ B. They were not as well-trained as the British soldiers.
- D. They wore bright yellow uniforms with green stripes.

6. What was Paul Revere trying to prevent the British from doing?

- ☒ A. stealing the colonists' ammunition and supplies
- B. passing the Tea Acts
- C. shutting down Boston Harbor
- D. attacking the colonists' church

7. What was a direct effect of the Intolerable Acts?

- A. The French-Indian War began.
- B. Colonists dumped \$70,000 worth of tea into Boston Harbor.
- ☒ C. Democracy in Massachusetts was restricted.
- D. Nearly 75 British soldiers were killed in Concord.

8. Why were the Americans more successful at the Battle of Concord than at the Battle of Lexington?

- A. The British were standing in straighter lines.
- B. The British were wearing brighter red coats.
- ☒ C. The Americans used guerilla-style fighting tactics.
- D. The Americans had more help from Indians.

9. Who joined Paul Revere on his ride?

- A. George Washington and John Hancock
- ☒ B. William Dawes and Samuel Prescott
- C. Samuel Prescott and John Hancock
- D. Sam Adams and William Dawes

10. What instructions did Captain Parker give the colonists at Lexington?

- A. "Hide behind trees and attack by surprise."
- B. "Stay back and let them approach."
- C. "Fire at any Redcoats you see."
- ☒ D. "Don't fire unless you're fired upon."