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**Unit One: Colonial America - Rebellion and Revolution**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter Two – Lesson 2**

1. Which two Massachusetts towns saw the first fighting between British troops and colonial militia?

**\*\*Note: The 2nd Continental Congress would meet in Philadelphia in May 1775. They would take 3 steps to try and aid the revolution: The formation of the Continental Army and naming George Washington its leader; the printing of paper money to finance the war; the formation of a committee to deal with foreign nations\*\***

2. What was stated in the Olive Branch Petition?

3. What was Thomas Paine’s argument in his work entitled *Common Sense*?

4. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

**Chapter Two – Lesson 3**

5. What were the advantages the Continental Army had over the British?

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7. What bold step did Washington take on Christmas night, 1776?

8. Which two European officers helped to train troops at the Continental Army winter camp

at Valley Forge?

9. Why do you think the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga is considered the “turning point”

in the American Revolution?

10. Why couldn’t the British Army retreat, gain reinforcements or receive supplies at Yorktown?

11. What became the western border of the United States after the Treaty of Paris was signed?

**Chapter Two – Lesson 4**

12. What roles did women play during the Revolutionary War?

13. Why did Massachusetts chief justice William Cushing find in favor of Quock Walker and

grant him his freedom from his former owner? (Hint: Read Primary Source)