

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

“Focus Questions”

1. What was the relationship between the Great Britain and the American colonies in the years BEFORE the mid 1750's?
WHY?
2. What made that relationship change in the mid 1700's?
3. How did the relationship change?
4. What specific things did the British do and impose on the colonies as a result of this “changed” relationship?
- 5. According to Thomas Jefferson, what are the purposes of government?**
- 6. Under what circumstances is it justifiable for a people to abolish its government?**
- 7. Why does Jefferson believe that constant unwarranted overthrow not be a problem?**
- 8. What major grievances and problems between the American colonies and the British are reflected in the Declaration of Independence?**
- 9. Had the American colonists tried to appeal to the British government previously? How do you know there were attempts to have their problems addressed?**
- 10. What passages or phrases in the Declaration clearly reflect Enlightenment values/beliefs and/or the writings of John Locke?**