

Revolutionary Roles

Identify people and groups who shaped the Patriot cause.

SS.5.A.5.2 "Identify significant individuals and groups who played a role in the American Revolution."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each proper name that identifies a person or organized group, not a place. Do not circle general terms such as colonists, members, troops, or patriots, then underline the words that tell what each circled person or group did.

Many Ways to Help

- ① In 1773, the Sons of Liberty, an organized group of colonists, protested the British tea tax in Boston. Members boarded ships and threw tea into the harbor. Their protest showed Britain that colonists strongly opposed taxation without representation. After Britain answered with harsh laws, more colonists began to support resistance. The Sons of Liberty helped turn anger about taxes into organized action.
- ② The Continental Congress brought representatives from the colonies together to make decisions. In 1775, it chose George Washington to lead the Continental Army. Washington trained troops, planned battles, and kept the army together during difficult winters and shortages. The Congress raised an army, sought help from other countries, and managed the war effort. These leaders gave the patriot cause direction.
- ③ James Armistead Lafayette, an enslaved man who later gained freedom, served the patriots as a spy. He carried information from British camps to American leaders and gave false information to the British. The Oneida Nation supported the patriots with fighters and supplies. These individuals and groups affected the struggle in different but important ways throughout the war.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did the Sons of Liberty help turn colonists' anger about taxes into action?

2 What were the roles of the Continental Congress and George Washington in the war?

3 How did James Armistead Lafayette help the patriot cause?

4 What support did the Oneida Nation give to the patriots?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose two people or groups from the passage. Write exactly three sentences that name them, compare their roles, and explain how their different actions helped the patriot cause.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each proper name that identifies a person or organized group, not a place. Do not circle general terms such as colonists, members, troops, or patriots, then underline the words that tell what each circled person or group did. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Sons of Liberty help turn colonists' anger about taxes into action?	They protested the British tea tax by boarding ships and throwing tea into Boston Harbor.
2	What were the roles of the Continental Congress and George Washington in the war?	The Continental Congress made decisions, raised an army, sought foreign help, and managed the war. It chose George Washington, who led, trained, and kept the Continental Army together.
3	How did James Armistead Lafayette help the patriot cause?	He served as a spy, carrying information from British camps to American leaders and giving false information to the British.
4	What support did the Oneida Nation give to the patriots?	The Oneida Nation gave the patriots fighters and supplies.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Sons of Liberty used protest to challenge British taxes, while James Armistead Lafayette used spying to aid American leaders. Their roles were different because one was an organized group and the other was one person. Both helped the patriot cause by taking actions against British rule.

Accept any two named individuals or organized groups from the passage if the response accurately compares their roles. The response should contain exactly three sentences and explain how each role supported the patriot cause.