Patriots Fight the Revolutionary War

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 38–39 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at the graph "Colonists Take Sides." Use the information to answer the following questions.
   a. Which countries supported the Patriots? ____________, ____________, and ____________.
   b. What percentage of American colonists supported the British _________.
   c. What percentage of American colonists did not take sides? _________.
   d. Which side did Indians west of the colonies support? _________.
   e. Why did slaves fight in the Revolutionary War? _________.

Links Far and Near

2. Look at the maps "Battles on Land" and "Battles at Sea." Use the information to complete the chart below.

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<th>Battle Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lexington</td>
<td>On land, in Massachusetts</td>
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<td>On land, in New Jersey</td>
<td>1776</td>
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<td>Saratoga</td>
<td>On land, in New York</td>
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<td>Flamborough Head</td>
<td>At sea, near Europe, along the Spanish coast</td>
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<td>Kings Mountain</td>
<td>At sea, near Virginia</td>
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Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Look at the map “Battles on Land.” Write N if most of the battles of that time period took place in the northern colonies (New England and Canada), M if most of the battles took place in the Middle Colonies (New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey), and S if most of the battles took place in the South.

   a. 1775
   b. 1776–1777
   c. 1780–1781

History Through Maps

4. Look at the map “Battles at Sea.” Circle the battles that were victories for the Patriots or their allies.

   a. Lake Champlain
   b. Whitehaven
   c. Dominica
   d. St. Lucia
   e. Charles Town
   f. Virginia Capes

Thinking About History

5. Look at the map “Battles at Sea” and the picture. Write T if the statement is true and F if the statement is false.

   a. Most naval battles were fought at a distance. ________
   b. The French Navy fought mainly in the West Indies. ________
   c. The British and Patriot Navies were always successful near their homelands. ________

People and Cultures

6. Look at the graphs “Colonists Take Sides” and “Soldiers’ Deaths.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.

   a. About ________ percent of American colonists supported the Patriots during the Revolutionary War.
   b. The Patriots lost ________________ soldiers, while the British lost only ___ soldiers.
   c. Only ________ percent of Patriot soldiers died in battle. The rest died from ________________ , exposure, and prison.