



BUILDING VOCABULARY *Revolution and the Early Republic*

A. Multiple Choice Circle the letter before the term or name that best completes the sentence.

1. The first tax measure to affect the colonists directly by imposing levies on many everyday items was known as the (a) Sugar Act (b) Stamp Act (c) Intolerable Acts (d) Quartering Act.
2. A key Enlightenment thinker whose idea of social contract between people and their government appealed to colonial leaders was (a) Thomas Paine (b) Samuel Adams (c) John Locke (d) Marquis de Lafayette.
3. Those colonists who opposed independence and remained loyal to the British king were known as (a) Loyalists (b) Patriots (c) minutemen (d) Hessians.
4. Under the Articles of Confederation, the federal government could not (a) declare war (b) borrow money (c) establish a postal service (d) impose taxes
5. Critics of the Sedition Act argued that it violated (a) freedom of speech (b) freedom of religion (c) the right to bear arms (d) the right to privacy.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. nullification | a. pamphlet calling on colonists to support independence |
| _____ 2. cabinet | b. bribery scandal involving United States and France |
| _____ 3. Thomas Jefferson | c. turning point battle of the Revolutionary War |
| _____ 4. Yorktown | d. principle that states had the right to void acts of Congress |
| _____ 5. republic | e. first ten amendments of the Constitution |
| _____ 6. Bill of Rights | f. principle author of the Declaration of Independence |
| _____ 7. XYZ Affair | g. rule by citizens through elected |
| _____ 8. Common Sense | h. president's chief advisers |
| _____ 9. Saratoga | i. system to keep one branch of government from becoming too powerful |
| _____ 10. checks and balances | j. site of British surrender |

C. Writing Imagine you are a political reporter during the early years of the republic. Write a brief news article about the debate over the U.S. Constitution using the following words correctly.

Checks and balances ratification Federalist
Antifederalists Bill of Rights