20. Which European country began to secretly help the colonists starting in 1776?

France secretly began to help the colonies starting in 1776.

21. At what point did European nations begin to officially help the colonies?

European countries began to officially help the colonists after the victory at Saratoga.

22. Which other European nations were persuaded to help the colonists in 1779?
Spain also helped along with France

23. What role did French General MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE play in the war?

MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE helped by giving supplies to the colonists and convincing the King to send more French troops

24. How did German BARON VON STEUBEN help Washington’s troops?
BARON VON STEUBEN helped by training Washington’s men to be efficient soldiers.

25. What is a BAYONET? **a BAYONET** is a long steel knife attached to the ends of guns.

26. Describe some of the problems Washington’s men faced at VALLEY FORGE in the winter of 1777: Washington’s men had few supplies, lacked food and had poor shelters. Disease also affected the men in camp.
RECONSTRUCTED CABINS AT VALLEY FORGE
27. What caused 25% of Washington’s troops to die at Valley Forge that winter?

- malnutrition
- exposure to cold
- disease – smallpox and typhoid fever
28. Which frontiersman took a group of colonial troops to claim control of the Ohio River?

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK took a group of colonists to gain control of the Ohio River Valley.

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CLARK AND HIS MEN CROSSED 240 MILES OF FLOODED LAND TO GET TO FORT VINCENNES
29. Why was the colonists’ capture of FORT VINCENNES (also called Fort Sackville) important?

The capture of FORT VINCENNES gave the colonists control of the Great Lakes region and the Ohio River Valley.

30. What is a PRIVATEER?

a PRIVATEER is a privately owned ship that a wartime government gives permission to attack an enemy’s merchant ships.
31. How did JOHN PAUL JONES help the war effort?

JOHN PAUL JONES started the first U.S. navy

32. What was John Paul Jones’ famous quote from the battle with the British navy?

John Paul Jones yelled “I have not yet begun to fight!” when the British asked him if he wished to surrender during a sea battle.
REVOLUTIONARY WAR SEA BATTLE BETWEEN COLONIAL AND BRITISH FORCES

JOHN PAUL JONES’ BURIAL SITE AT NAVAL ACADEMY

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