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REVOLUTIONARY WAR DECLARATION READING COMPREHENSION

The Revolutionary War began in 1775 when the American colonies fought against British rule. Many colonists were unhappy because they believed Britain was unfairly taxing them and limiting their freedom. Important events such as the Boston Tea Party and the battles of Lexington and Concord increased tensions between the colonies and Great Britain.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence. The document was mainly written by Thomas Jefferson. It explained why the colonies wanted to separate from Britain and become a free nation. The Declaration stated that all people have rights such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Declaration of Independence also listed complaints against King George III. The colonists believed the king had abused his power and treated the colonies unfairly. By signing the document, the colonies officially declared themselves independent from Great Britain.

The Revolutionary War continued for several years after the Declaration was signed. In 1783, the war ended with the Treaty of Paris, and the United States became an independent country.

Short Answer Questions:

1.) Name one event that increased tensions between the colonies and Britain.

2.) Why did the colonies write the Declaration of Independence?

3.) What did the colonists think about King George III?

4.) What happened after the Treaty of Paris was signed?

5.) What is one right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?
