

Student Worksheet #2: Defending Independence: Thought Questions (2 pages)

Name: _____ Date: _____



Use the video and timeline to answer these questions.

? 1. The Big Question: What helped the Americans keep fighting and eventually win independence?

⚔️ 2. Washington and Trenton: Why was Washington's victory at Trenton important?

🇫🇷 3. Saratoga and France: Why was the American victory at Saratoga a major turning point?

How did France help the American cause?

❄️ 4. Hardship and Training: What problems did the Continental Army face during the war?

Why did military training matter?

 **5. Strategy and Persistence:** How did strategy help the Americans survive against a stronger British military?

Why was persistence important?

 **6. Yorktown:** Why was Yorktown such an important victory?

 **7. Treaty of Paris:** Why did the Treaty of Paris matter?

 8. Freedom Was Complicated

Name several groups whose freedom was limited, uncertain, or affected differently during the Revolution, despite the Revolution's powerful words about liberty and independence. Why is it important to remember this?

 **9. Freedom Today:** What freedom or civic responsibility do you appreciate today because of the American Revolution? Explain.

 **10. Declaring or Defending Freedom:** Is it harder to declare or defend freedom? Use evidence from the video and timeline to support your answer.
