

## Social Studies lessons for the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>:

The notes for these lessons can be found after the weekly plan.

Monday	1. Read pgs. 369-372 Homework: Workbook pg. 89
Tuesday	1. Read Pgs. 378-379 2. Compare and Contrast (the worksheet is on Weebly)
Wednesday	1. Read pgs. 380-382
Thursday	1. Read pgs. 383-384 2. Watch Liberty Kids Movie about Valley Forge <a href="https://youtu.be/GvY9UiCb_zk">https://youtu.be/GvY9UiCb_zk</a>
Friday	No School

### LESSON 2: FIGHTING FOR Independence

#### I. Comparing Armies

##### British Soldiers

- Paid
- Trained
- Had about 50,000 Soldiers
- Supplies brought to them
- Hard because they were Far away from home
- Had 1000 mercenaries from Germany called Hessians

##### American Soldiers

- Most were unpaid
- Not trained
- Had about 15,000 soldiers
- Didn't have enough supplies
- Didn't have enough weapons

## II. Early Battles in the North

- In the Spring of 1776 Washington moved from MA to NY
- They were camping in Long Island when the British surprise attacked
- The Americans were outnumbered and suffered a great loss
- By winter the American soldier marched from NJ to PA
- Washington learned the Hessians were in Trenton NJ and not prepared for an attack
- On Christmas Night Washington and his army crossed the Delaware river and attacked
- The Americans attacked and after an hour the Hessians surrendered

## III. An important Victory

- In 1777 the British army planned a new campaign  
Campaign—a series of military operations carried out for a certain goal
- The goal of the British was to capture New York so the 13 colonies could be separated and cut off their supplies
- The plan didn't work because the British troops never reached Albany on time
- Instead the Continental Army Surrounded General Burgoyne's army near the town of Saratoga and the British soldiers could not break through
- Americans captured British cannons, and supplies
- The British surrendering at Saratoga was a turning point for the Americans

#### IV. Winter at Valley Forge

- In the fall of 1777, the Continental Army faced troubles
- Continental Army had retreated to Valley Forge to keep watch on the British in Philadelphia
- The Army in Valley Forge was very poor and was running out of supplies
- Their clothing had become ragged
- Marquis de Lafayette who traveled from France joined the Continental army
- He spent his own money to buy his soldiers clothing
- Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben was a German soldier who trained the Americans and helped make them into an organized army

#### V. Contributions from Other Nations

- Benjamin Franklin had gone to France to negotiate with their government to help them during the war
- In the beginning the French offered little help but when they realized the Americans might win they agreed to support them
- The Netherlands gave a large loan to Congress
- The governor of Spanish Louisiana gave guns, food, and money to the Continental Army