

Name _____

Date _____

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks in the passage below. Using your notes will help you to complete this activity.

Benedict Arnold
George Washington
New York City
Horatio Gates
Hudson Valley
France

Albany
Battle of Saratoga
General Burgoyne
traitor
Battle of Trenton

Battle of Long Island
retreat
turning point
Delaware
Hessians

In August of 1776, the British were determined to take control of _____ . General _____ tried to defend the city, resulting in the _____ . The Americans were defeated, and were forced to _____ through several states over hundreds of miles. These were some of the darkest days of the war for the Americans.

Desperate for a victory, Washington planned a surprise attack on a garrison of _____ on the day after Christmas 1776. To accomplish this, the Americans had to cross the icy _____ River, and brave a nasty winter storm. The result is known as the _____, which ended in a quick and decisive victory for the Americans.

Frustrated that they were unable to defeat the Americans, the British looked for a new plan to end the war. _____ came up with a plan that would send three armies to conquer the city of _____, giving Britain control over the whole

_____ . The main British force was met by Americans under the command of _____ at the _____. This was a huge victory for the Americans, and is sometimes called the _____ of the war. This is because this battle convinced _____ to become our ally.

Soon after this great victory, _____, the hero of Saratoga, became a _____ to the United States, and joined the British side. This was a very disappointing shock to the Americans, especially to George Washington.

