

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, October 19

HW: begin reading Part One: The Siege, Chapter One: Sovereign Duty

Question: Why does the author begin *1776* with a description of George III?

Tuesday, October 20

HW: continue reading Chapter One: Sovereign Duty

Question: What kind of man and leader was George III?

Wednesday, October 21

HW: finish reading Chapter One: Sovereign Duty

Why is the title of this chapter “Sovereign Duty?”

Thursday, October 22

HW: begin reading Chapter Two: Rabble in Arms, I

Define rabble. Why were the Americans viewed as rabble by the British?

Friday, October 23

HW: finish reading Chapter Two: Rabble in Arms, I

How did Washington make the rabble into an army?

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, October 26

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Two: Rabble in Arms, II

What kind of man was Washington? Why was Washington the best choice for the job of leading the Americans?

Tuesday, October 27

HW: begin reading Chapter Two: Rabble in Arms, III

What were Washington's plans? What were some of Washington's setbacks?

Wednesday, October 28

HW: finish reading Chapter Two: Rabble in Arms, III

How did George III's speech at the opening of Parliament in October 1775 impact the Americans?

Thursday, October 29

HW: begin reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, I

In what ways were the British vulnerable?

Friday, October 30

HW: finish reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, I

What was Knox's success?

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, November 2

HW: begin reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, II
What was the plan involving Dorchester Heights?

Tuesday, November 3

HW: finish reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, II
Why were the actions of the Americans at Dorchester Heights so surprising to the British?

Wednesday, November 4

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, III
How did the British respond to the actions of the Americans on Dorchester Heights?

Thursday, November 5

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Three: Dorchester Heights, IV
What enabled the Americans to be so successful at Dorchester Heights?

Friday, November 6

HW: begin and finish reading Part 2: Fateful Summer, Chapter Four: Lines are Drawn, I
What vulnerabilities existed in New York but not Boston? How did Washington and the other Americans prepare?

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, November 9

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Four: Lines are Drawn, II
How was Washington able to inspire his troops?

Tuesday, November 10

HW: begin reading Chapter Four: Lines are Drawn, III
Why was the letter addressed to George Washington Esq. refused?

Wednesday, November 11

HW: finish reading Chapter Four: Lines are Drawn, III
What problems were the Americans experiencing?

Thursday, November 12

HW: begin reading Chapter Five: Field of Battle, I
Why did Washington choose Israel as a replacement for Sullivan (who had replaced Nathanael Greene)? Why was Putnam a disappointment?

Friday, November 13

HW: finish reading Chapter Five: Field of Battle, I
What were the strengths and weaknesses of Henry Clinton?
What was Henry Clinton's plan?
Describe the typical British soldier.
What enabled the British troops to travel through unknown territory so successfully?

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, November 16

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Five: Field of Battle, II
How was Sullivan taken prisoner by the British?

Tuesday, November 17

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Five: Field of Battle, III
“On Long Island, Howe had sent 10,000 men through the night to catch Washington by surprise” (McCullough 186). How did Washington use the cover of night?

Wednesday, November 18

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Five: Field of Battle, IV
How was Washington a failure during the Long Island battle?

Thursday, November 19

HW: begin and finish reading Part Three: The Long Retreat, Chapter Six: Fortune Frowns, I
What decision was made by the war council?

Friday, November 20

HW: begin reading Chapter Six: Fortune Frowns, II
Why was Washington so enraged by the attack at Kips Bay?
What brilliant idea did Knox have regarding the “art of war?” (McCullough 215).

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, November 30

HW: continue reading Chapter Six: Fortune Frowns, II

What was the effect of the Battle of Harlem Heights on American troops?

Tuesday, December 1

HW: finish reading Chapter Six: Fortune Frowns, II

What was the significance of Nathan Hale?

What was accomplished due the efforts of John Adams, head of the Board of War?

Although the Americans lost the Battle of White Plains, why was the victory particularly costly for the British and Hessians?

Wednesday, December 2

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Six: Fortune Frowns, III

What military strategy did Washington employ?

Indecisive, which decision did Washington leave to Greene?

What happened at Fort Mifflin?

Thursday, December 3

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Seven: Darkest Hour, I

What difficulty did Washington have with Lee?

Friday, December 4

HW: begin and finish reading Chapter Seven: Darkest Hour, II

What was the proclamation, dated November 30? What was its impact?

What happened to Lee?

What were the understood guidelines for “eighteenth-century professional armies and their gentlemen commanders?” (McCullough 267).

1776 Reading Schedule and Responses

Monday, December 7

HW: begin reading Chapter Seven: Darkest Hour, III

What was Washington's plan for Christmas night?

Tuesday, December 8

HW: finish reading Chapter Seven: Darkest Hour, III

What was the result of Washington's plan for Christmas night?

What was the significance of Trenton?