| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade American Studies  | Name   |
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| Unit 4 – The American Revolution  | Date   |
| Topic: The Early Years of the War PART 1  | Period |
| <b>Directions:</b> Using the textbook (Chapter 4 Section 3 - p126-29), please answer the following questions. |        |
| Supporting The War Effort:  |        |

- 1. What was the NUMBER ONE job General Washington had as commander of the Continental Army?
- 2. What was it like to serve in the Continental Army in the early years of the war? (3 things)

- 3. What prompted the Continental Army to allow free African Americans join and serve its ranks?
- 4. What roles did women serve in the American Revolution?

5. Who was Molly Pitcher?

## Defeats & Victories:

6. Why did some Patriot leaders believe that the army should fight a "defensive" war?

## <u>Canada:</u>

7. What happened when the Patriots tried to invade Canada at the end of 1775?

- 9. Who was in charge of the British troops that arrived in New York?
- 10. What were the results of the series of battles in New York between the British and the Americans?

## New Jersey:

- 11. What was the biggest problem facing Washington's army in closing months of 1776?
- 12. How did General Howe use the Hessian mercenaries?
- 13. What was the name of pamphlets written by Thomas Paine in late 1776?
- 14. What made Washington's plan to attack the Hessians at Trenton different from many of his earlier battles in the war?
- 15. How did Washington & his troops get from Pennsylvania into New Jersey?
- 16. Why was the Battle of Trenton a success for Continental Army?
- 17. How was Washington & his army able to defeat the British at Princeton on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1777?
- 18. How did the Patriot victories at the end of 1776 help the American Revolutionary cause?