QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER SIX

1. What was the “most important task confronting those attending the Continental Congress”? How successful were they in dealing with it? Explain.

2. What British imperial and military weaknesses did the failure of the Albany Congress reflect? What possible future political problems did it expose between the English colonies themselves?

3. What steps did Pitt take to reverse the course of the war? What did Britain gain from the war and what problems arose as a result of its success? Why did Britain’s attempt to solve some of those problems by issuing the Proclamation of 1763 backfire?

4. What factors led to the rise of American nationalism? Why were the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act viewed so differently by the British Parliament and the British colonist? What part did the concept of “virtual representation” play in the Stamp Act crisis? What future implications did the Declaratory Act contain?

5. Describe how each of the following British actions contributed to the rising political tension after 1765: the Revenue Acts, British, the British occupation of Boston, and stationing British troops in the colonies.
6. What steps did the colonies take after 1773 to counter these British actions? Why was the Boston Tea Party the “final straw” in British eyes and what made the Coercive Acts so “intolerable” in colonial eyes?

7. What did the First Continental Congress do? Why were Lexington and Concord so significant? What actions did the Second Continental Congress take?

8. What did the Declaration of Independence represent? What views did it reflect?

TERMS TO KNOW

French & Indian War  Nonimportation  “Boston Massacre”
Albany Congress  James Otis Jr.  Com. of Correspondence
Acadians,  Stamp Act  Boston Tea Party
William Pitt  “Virtual representation”  Intolerable Acts
Proclamation of 1763  Samuel Adams  “Minutemen”
The Paxton Boys  Sons of Liberty  Lexington, Concord
Treaty Fort Stanwix  Declaratory Act  1st Continental Congress
“Yankees”, “Lobsters”  Townshend Revenue Acts  2nd Continental Congress
The Zenger case  John Dickinson  Jefferson and / Franklin
Republicanism  Letters from a Farmer...  Olive Branch Petition
Sugar Act  Mass. Circular Letter  Declaration of Independence