War and Independence

Part 5- The Fighting Continues

-After the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Lexington and Concord, the British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area.

-Over the next few weeks, over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ militiamen from all over New England arrived in the Boston area. The British soldiers retreated to the city of Boston. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lasted for the next \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months.

-Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fled Boston, while many loyalists from the surrounding area went into the city looking for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the British. Life during the siege was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There were many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, including food.

-After Lexington and Concord, the situation for the patriots was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and chaotic at times. It took time to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the militias into an army and determine who was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-One example of this was in the taking of the British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Two patriots, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Ethan Allen (the leader of the militia group called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) both had the idea of taking the British fort.

-They ended up working \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the fort, which had a valuable strategic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and lots of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cannons) which the patriots would need in the war.

-Because the situation between America and Britain was getting worse, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decided to meet again in May of 1775. This meeting became known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Eventually all 13 colonies sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting.

-The Congress was again \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as to what to do. Some delegates thought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the only option, while some still wanted to work out the problems with Britain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-John Adams and others convinced the Congress to form a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army and make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its leader. Washington soon left to take over the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ militias outside of Boston.

-Before Washington made it to Boston, another battle took place on June 17, 1775. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-**Think About It!** Even though the Battle of Bunker Hill was a British victory, the battle lifted the spirits of the patriots, while it gave the British a sense of gloom. Why do you think that was?

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-When Washington finally arrived near \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on July 2nd, he immediately got to work trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Continental army. He had to figure out how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his men, provide for better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in camp, and decide how to get the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of Boston.

-Back in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Continental Congress continued to debate what to do. Most colonists still wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even though several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had been fought.

-In July of 1775, the Continental Congress sent the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a letter they called the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” (An olive branch is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.) In the letter they blamed Parliament for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and asked the king to bring about “a happy and permanent reconciliation.” The king \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to even read it!

-During the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 1775-1776, the Continentals sent an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Canada to try to get the people of the province of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to join the 13 colonies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against Britain. It eventually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exit Question:** What do you think was the most difficult thing facing the Continental army as the war started? Why?

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