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I Survived the American Revolution, 1776

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Useful words to know when discussing the American Revolution

Good writers weave context clues or definitions to challenging words into their writing. Below is a list of words that will be useful in class discussions. Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of each word, and then, write the definition on the line provided. Write a sentence that uses each word correctly and that models the author's sentence structure. You may change the form of the word. A mentor sentence from page 15 is provided below.

He loved when Nate sang shanties – the songs sailors crooned as they did their work.

1. **boycott** (verb)

Definition: joining others in refusing to do business with an organization or country to show disapproval of terms being forced upon them.

Sentence: When the price of lunches in the cafeteria increased, Jeremey boycotted – refusing to buy school lunches because of higher prices being forced upon the students.

2. **democracy** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

3. **loyalist** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

4. **monarchy** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

5. **militia** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

6. **patriot** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

7. **persevere** (verb)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

8. **resilience** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

9. **revolution** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

10. **treason** (noun)

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____
