THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AP US HISTORY

REVIEW SHEET

1) Why was it said in the 1700’s that “the sun never set on the British Empire?”

2) Which was the first of the original 13 colonies to be established? Which was the last? What motivated settlers to come to the New World from Europe?

3) Why did the British and the French fight against one another in the skirmish known to us as the French and Indian War (1754-63)? Who won? By what name does the rest of the world call this war?

4) Why did the British put new taxes on the people in their American colonies during the 1760’s and 1770’s? What about this angered the colonists?

5) Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence? From which Enlightenment thinker did this author borrow his main ideas about government? On what date was the D of I approved? What exactly did the author mean when he said that “all men are created equal?”

6) Which foreign ally helped the U.S. defeat the British in the American War for Independence (1775-83)? Why?

7) As the war was winding down in 1781, what document was written to formally establish a government for the United States? What were some of the so-called “weaknesses” of the government created by this document?