

1. Research the Author. Identify and briefly describe the literary contributions she has made to the art of biography and to the narrative form of historical writing. American history only!
2. Create an outline map of the West Indies, including the political geography of the isthmus and islands after 1750. Note the significance of the Leeward Islands, especially St. Christopher and St. Eustatius. Comment on the relations between the UK, the Netherlands and the American colonies.
3. Briefly review the political significance of the battle of Saratoga in October of 1777. (Refer to the class text, pp. 139 -147, for specific material on French involvement and information on the British decision to adopt a southern strategy.
4. Use an outline map of the Eastern USA to trace the movement of The American and French forces southward to Virginia and the route of Cornwallis throughout the south to his eventual camp at Yorktown. (see text map, pg. 144)
5. Study the impact of the Battle of the Capes . Note the strategies of the British and French Admirals. Assess the impact of these activities on the ultimate decision of Cornwallis.
6. Note the particular contributions to the Revolution of the following people:

Anyone mentioned above.
RADM Thomas Graves
RADM Compte de Grasse
ADM George B. Rodney
Louis XV1
Franklin D. Roosevelt
7. This book is very detailed. Try not to get lost in biographical data or tactical military details. Look for the overview of geopolitical and military and events and their impact on the war.
8. Ask yourself this final question. Were these inexorable events a part of inevitable historic change or did the powerful personalities involved alter history through the force of their personalities and decisions?

