



“Proclaim Liberty” Discussion Guide Lesson Thirteen

Lesson Thirteen: Blanks

Throughout Lesson Thirteen, there are places to fill in the blanks. Here are the answers.

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| 1. Month | 19. states | 38. British |
| 2. independence | 20. British | 39. British |
| 3. strong | 21. King | 40. Americans |
| 4. weak | 22. defeat | 41. Americans |
| 5. executive | 23. Americans | 42. British |
| 6. judicial | 24. Americans | 43. Americans |
| 7. tax | 25. British | 44. frightening |
| 8. enforce | 26. Americans | 45. unity |
| 9. anarchy | 27. Americans | 46. depression |
| 10. 50 | 28. British | 47. quarreling |
| 11. Congress | 29. Americans | 48. foreign |
| 12. frustrating | 30. Draw | 49. Mississippi River |
| 13. army | 31. Americans | 50. troops |
| 14. navy | 32. British | 51. hostility |
| 15. Tory | 33. British | 52. failure |
| 16. France | 34. Draw | 53. miracle |
| 17. lost | 35. British | 54. Nothing |
| 18. George
Washington | 36. Americans | 55. trade |
| | 37. British | 56. 5 |

Lesson 13: “The Founders’ First Attempt to Find the Balanced Center”

Read: Introduction

Discuss: What principles would you want included in a Constitution?

Section 1, A Country Without a Constitution

Read: PL, Section 1, Parts A-F

Discuss: What do you learn from these experiences about the importance of having a national government?

Section 2, A Frustrating War

Read: PL, Section 2, Introduction and Pars A-F

Discuss: What were the major weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?

Discuss: What problems occurred because of the weakness of the national government under the Articles of Confederation?

Section 3, George Washington, America's Most Indispensable Man

Read: PL, Section 3, Introduction and Parts A-E

Discuss: Why is Washington often referred to as America's most indispensable man?

Section 4, Battles of the Revolutionary War

Read: PL, Section 4

Activity: Count the battles won by the British and won by the Americans. What do you think it means that the war was fought on the razor's edge of defeat? What impact would this have on the soldiers, the citizens, and George Washington?

Section 5, The Opportunity for a More Perfect Union is Almost Lost

Read: PL, Section 5, Introduction and Parts A-H

Discuss: Discuss the reasons the great experiment in self-government was almost seen as a failure in the years just prior to the Constitutional Convention.

Section 6, It Was a Miracle that the Constitutional Convention Took Place

Read: PL, Section 6, Introduction and Parts A-E

Discuss: What are some fo the things Washington did to try to help the bickering states?

Discuss: In what ways did Washington's actions set the stage for the Constitutional Convention?

Discuss: What life lessons can be learned from this period of America's history?

Commitments

Each week, we make commitments to act on what we have learned and share our learning with others.

Act

From your individual pondering and group discussion, choose one thing you will do this week to act on what you learned.

Ideas

- Choose an area of your life where it looks like you are failing. Identify a principle that will increase your chances of success and make a new plan.
- Look at the last 5 years of your life. Identify the progress that you have made during that period. Set goals for the future.

Share

Share what you learned today with someone else.

Ideas

- Share a quote from this lesson, along with your thoughts, on social media.
- Share a story about George Washington.
- Discuss the conditions during the Revolutionary War and the important factors that you believe led to the American victory.