MAP SET
CONTINENTAL CONFLICT & THE NEW NATION
1775–1783
WORKSHEETS & EXCERPTS

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MAP 1  VALLEY FORGE, PA | 1780 MAP INQUIRY WORKSHEET

Circle which of these you find on this map:
Compass  Date  Title  Legend or Key  Scale  Name of Mapmaker  Latitude & Longitude

List other details you find interesting:

Map Skills:
What kinds of details and information does the mapmaker want to show you?

Look at the location of Valley Forge. What do you notice about the area? Why do you think General Washington might have selected this location for his winter camp?

Use the map scale in the lower right corner: how far away is Valley Forge from Philadelphia?

What questions do you have about this map?
“Head Quarters, Valley Forge, December 29, 1777.

Gentn. I take the liberty of transmitting you the inclosed Return, which contains a state of such of the New Hampshire Regiments, as are in the Army immediately under my command. By this you will discover how deficient, how exceedingly short they are of the compliment [sic] of Men, which of right according to the establishment they ought to have.

It is not easy to give you a just and accurate idea of the sufferings of the Army at large and of the loss of Men on this Account... We had in Camp... not less than 2898 Men unfit for duty by reason of their being barefoot and otherwise naked. Besides this number... there are many others detained in Hospitals and crowded in Farmers Houses for the same causes. In a most particular manner I flatter myself the care and attention of the States, will be directed to the Supply of Shoes, Stockings and Blankets... we shall never have a fair and just prospect for success, ‘till our Troops (Officers and Men) are better provided than they are or have been.”

Letter from Gen. George Washington to New Hampshire Convention, December 29, 1777 (excerpt)
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Map Skills:
Locate Yorktown on the map. List as many geographical features as you can (parts of the land that are man-made or natural).

The American troops trapped the British troops in Yorktown from several sides. How did they do this?

There were many key individuals who were part of the battle of Yorktown. Who do you see noted on this map?

What questions do you have about this map?
MAP 3 CENTERS OF GOVERNMENT | PHILADELPHIA, PA | 1777 MAP INQUIRY WORKSHEET

**Observe**

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**Map Skills:**
What kinds of details and information does the mapmaker want to show you? What different symbols does he use on this map?

Look closely at Philadelphia. It was one of the only “planned” cities in the colonies. What does this mean based on what you see?

Why might the mapmakers have included the illustration of the State House at the bottom of the map?

**Question**

What questions do you have about this map?
MAP 4  NEW UNITED STATES | 1783 MAP INQUIRY WORKSHEET

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