



The United States and Louisiana: Beginnings through Ratification (6)

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Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. By the 1750s, more colonists lived in the _____ colonies than the _____ ones. In Canada, the French and Native Americans profited from trading _____. The _____ Wars were a result of this trade because tribes wanted to gain control of more _____.
2. _____ maintained friendly relations with many Native American tribes, which would become important when conflict over land to the west of the _____ mountains occurred. These mountains stretch from _____ to _____ and were a geographical barrier to westward expansion.
3. The Ohio River flows from _____ to _____ and allowed people to move much more easily than they could on foot. The modern day city of _____, Pennsylvania became important because it is where two rivers joined to form the Ohio River.
4. In 1753, _____ was sent by the royal governor of Virginia to request that the French, who were south of Lake Erie, return to their land in Canada. The French refused and the British colonel was sent back to secure the _____ only to discover that the French were already there and had built a fort called _____.
5. The British colonel and his men built a fort called _____ in an open meadow while they waited for reinforcements from the British colonies. When some French troops were discovered

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nearby, he ambushed them and the French were killed or captured. The French commander claimed that these men were on a _____ mission and retaliated in an attack on the British fort on July 3, 1754.

6. The _____ were outnumbered by the _____ and their _____ allies and they almost lost. Eventually the _____ requested a truce because they were almost out of _____. In the treaty, the British colonel promised that he would not return to the area for a period of _____ year(s). He also unknowingly agreed that he killed a French _____, which is an act of war.

7. The next year, _____ British troops returned to the French fort to capture it and gain control of the Ohio River. On their way, they were ambushed by _____ and many were killed and had to return to Virginia. Fighting between the _____ and _____ broke out onto the world stage because of this battle.

8. The British captured several French settlements between 1758 and 1760, including _____, _____, and _____. These losses resulted in France signing the _____ of _____ in _____. The only former French land that the British did not gain control of was _____ because the French had given it to the _____ the previous year.

9. Now that the threat of _____ invasion had been minimized, the colonists had to focus on their next problem. The British government had borrowed lots of _____ to pay for the war and they had determined that _____ would be the ones to help repay the debt.