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Saratoga WebQuest: Guided Reading Worksheet

Go to: http://www.redherring.us/31-revolution-pt-1.html

1. Look at the chart comparing the Continental Army to the British Army. Leading up to the battle
    of Saratoga, list at least two advantages and two disadvantages for each army.

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Go to: http://www.revolutionary-war.net/john-burgoyne.html

2. Describe John Burgoyne's involvement in the Seven Years War. Why did such a successful
    leader return to England at the start of the Revolutionary War?

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3. In 1776, Burgoyne returned to England and shared a plan with the king and prime minister.
    What was this plan? Why did the king and prime minister support Burgoyne?

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4. What happened to Burgoyne in the first battle of Saratoga? In the second?

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Go to: https://www.aoc.gov/art/historic-rotunda-paintings/surrender-general-burgoyne

5. Look at John Trumbull's painting, *Surrender of General Burgoyne*. What is the mood of this scene?

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6. Some might argue that a scene depicting the turning point of the American Revolution should be active and robust. Instead, Trumbull shows the opposite. Why would the artist choose to illustrate the turning point in this way? How is this consistent with how the Founding Fathers wanted the rest of the world to view the United States?

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Go to: http://www.revolutionary-war.net/horatio-gates.html

7. How did Horatio Gates' argument with Benedict Arnold help the Continental Army to win the second battle of Saratoga?

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Go to: http://www.revolutionarywaranimated.com/Saratoga/Saratoga.html

8. View the animated map. How was the Continental Army able to surround Burgoyne?

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9. How quickly did the French openly declare support for the Americans after hearing of the Saratoga victory? Why is this support so monumental?

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Go to: http://www.ushistory.org/us/11h.asp

10. Describe the Franco-American alliance after the second battle of Saratoga. Why were the French so eager to defeat the British?

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11. Click "next" at the bottom of the page. How did the French navy help the Continental Army defeat the British at the battle of Yorktown?

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