**Chapter 8 Focus Question**:

Analyze the reasons for the thirteen colonies’ success in their War for Independence from Britain between 1775 and 1783.

**Chapter 8 Objective Questions:**

1. What was the purpose for calling the Second Continental Congress in 1775?
2. What was perhaps the most important single action of the Second Continental Congress in its early meetings?
3. Was the selection of Washington as the leader of the Continental Army based more on his military expertise or more for political considerations? Explain.
4. What was the Olive Branch Petition and how did George III respond to it?
5. Why did the colonists invade Canada and what effect did that invasion have on colonial claims that the war was purely defensive?
6. Why did the colonists delay declaring independence until the middle of 1776?
7. Who holds power in a republic?
8. Who wrote *Common Sense* and what were the major points advanced in the pamphlet?
9. How important was citizen virtue in the opinion of most Americans in establishing a successful republican government?
10. What issue was advanced by founding mother, Abigail Adams?
11. The Declaration of Independence blamed King George III for violating the natural rights of the colonists. What blame was assigned by Jefferson to the British Parliament and how accurate was Jefferson?
12. Was the Patriot cause a majority or minority movement?
13. What roles were played by the Patriot militia in winning the war?
14. Describe the Loyalists; include information about their age, comparative wealth, church affiliation, and in which sections were they most and least numerous.
15. What were reasons stated for people being Loyalists?
16. What happened to the Loyalists during and after the war?
17. What roles were assumed by the Loyalists on behalf of the British war effort?
18. What offer did the British Parliament make to the colonists after the battle of Saratoga?
19. What impact did the battle of Saratoga have on the American’s prospects for victory?
20. Why did France wait until after the battle of Saratoga to become America’s ally?
21. What was France’s major motive for becoming America’s “oldest ally?”
22. Who formed the Armed Neutrality League and what was it?
23. What help was given to America by its European allies and how important was the aid in winning the war?
24. Why did Native Americans join the British in the war?
25. What was the major outcome of the Treaty of Stanwix?
26. What were privateers and what function did they serve in the war?
27. Even though Yorktown was not the final battle of the American Revolutionary War, it is regarded as the symbolic ending of the war. Why?
28. What agreement was made with France concerning the negotiations with Britain to end the war?
29. Why did Britain agree to such generous terms in the peace treaty?
30. Which treaty term was broken by Britain and which term was broken by America in the years following the war?
31. Who were the American diplomats chosen to deal with Britain and what were the major terms they negotiated in the 1783 Treaty of Paris?