


GUIDED READING *The American Revolution*
Section 4

A. Analyzing Causes and Recognizing Effects As you read this section, note some causes and effects relating to the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States as a republic.

Causes	Events	Effects
	1. British parliament passes Stamp Act.	
	2. British close Boston harbor and station troops in city.	
	3. Second Continental Congress votes to form an army under command of George Washington.	
	4. France enters the war in 1778.	
	5. By approving the Articles of Confederation, states create a weak national government.	

B. Writing Expository Paragraphs On the back of this paper, write one or two paragraphs explaining how the **Declaration of Independence** and the U.S. Constitution reflect Enlightenment ideas about government. Use the following terms in your writing:

checks and balances

federal system

Bill of Rights