**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 6—The American Revolution, 1775-1783**

* **How did colonists choose sides during the Revolutionary war, and what challenges did they face once independence was achieved?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help yourself understand the decisions of colonists, American Indians, and African Americans to support or oppose independence. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the factors in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Reasons for supporting independence** | **Reasons for opposing independence** | **Role in the war of independence**  | **Challenges after independence**  |
| British colonists |  |  |  |  |
| American Indians |  |  |  |  |
| African Americans |  |  |  |  |
| Women |  |  |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the question:*

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*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*