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Glossary for *The Road to Independence*

A

abound, v. to be present in large quantities
(**abounds**)

abstain, v. to choose not to vote (**abstained**)

accurate, adj. without mistakes; having the right facts

ambassador, n. the person who represents the government of his or her country in another country (**ambassadors**)

ammunition, n. bullets, shells, and other objects used as weapons shot from guns

assembly, n. people who gather to write laws for a government or organization (**assemblies**)

B

bayonet, n. a sharp piece of metal attached to the muzzle of a musket (**bayonets**)

belfry, n. a bell tower at the top of a church

bewitching, adj. charming, captivating, or enchanting

bleak, adj. depressing, grim, bad

boycott, v. to protest something by refusing to buy, use, or participate

breeches, n. pants that cover the hips down to just below the knee

burden, n. something that is heavy or difficult to accept (**burdens**)

burly, adj. strong and heavy

C

casualty, n. a person killed or injured during battle (**casualties**)

charge, n. the amount of explosive material needed to cause a blast

conflict, n. a fight or struggle for power or authority

confront, v. to challenge or fight against

console, v. to comfort or try to make someone feel better and less sad

convoy, n. a group of ships traveling together for safety

D

decisive, adj. important; without any doubt

declaration, n. an official statement of something

defiant, adj. refusing to obey

dread, v. to look ahead to the future with great fear

E

eliminate, v. to get rid of something (**eliminated**)

engraving, n. a design or lettering made by cutting into the surface of wood, stone, or metal

enlist, v. to volunteer for military service (**enlisted**)

export, v. to send out a product to another country to be sold (**exporting**)

F

fleet, n. a group of military ships that sail under the same commander

foil, v. to prevent someone from doing something or achieving a goal (**foiled**)

foraging, adj. for the purpose of searching for something, usually food or supplies

formidable, adj. extremely powerful; worthy of respect

fortify, v. to make a place safe from attack by building defenses (walls, trenches, etc.) (**fortified**)

front, n. the place where fighting happens in a war (**fronts**)

G

grievance, n. a complaint resulting from being treated unfairly; a reason for complaining about a situation (**grievances**)

H

heed, v. to respect and follow advice or instructions (**heeded**)

henpecked, adj. used to describe a man who is constantly controlled and criticized by his wife

hero, n. a person who is respected for bravery or good qualities (**heroes, heroism**)

heroine, n. a woman who is respected for bravery or good qualities (**heroines**)

I

implication, n. a possible effect or result that may take place in the future (**implications**)

import, v. to bring in a product from another country to be sold (**importing**)

impose, v. to force or require (**imposed**)

impress, v. to amaze; to cause others to feel admiration or interest (**impressed**)

indirectly, adv. not having a clear and direct connection

intolerable, adj. too painful or hard to be accepted

J

jeer, n. an insult or put-down (**jeers**)

L

laden, adj. heavily loaded; carrying large amounts

levy, v. to use legal authority to demand and collect a fine or a tax (**levied**)

liberty, n. freedom

M

master, v. to learn something completely; to gain the knowledge and skill that allows you to do something very well

mastermind, n. a person who takes the lead in planning and organizing something important

melancholy, adj. sad or depressed

militia, n. ordinary people trained to be soldiers but who are not part of the full-time military

misleading, adj. untrue

model company, n. a group of soldiers deserving to be copied or imitated by others

morale, n. confidence, level of enthusiasm one feels

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TAKE-HOME

musket, n. a long, heavy gun that is loaded at the muzzle

musket ball, n. ammunition shot from muskets (**musket balls**)

muzzle, n. the opening at the end of a gun or cannon where the ammunition comes out

N

neutral, adj. not supporting either side of an argument, fight, or war

ninepins, n. a bowling game played with nine pins

O

opposition, n. disagreement with or disapproval of something

oppressive, adj. harsh and unfair; cruel

otherwise, adv. in a different way

P

patriot, n. a person who supports and defends his or her country (**patriots**)

peal, n. a loud noise or repeated noises (**peals**)

petition, n. a document people sign to show their agreement or disagreement with something (**petitions**)

proclamation, n. a public announcement made by a person or government

provoke, v. to cause something to happen; to bring out anger in a person or people (**provoked**)

R

range, n. a specified distance

rebel, n. a person who fights a government (**rebels**)

recruit, v. to search for people to join a group or organization (e.g., the army)

regiment, n. a military unit formed by multiple groups of soldiers

reinforce, v. to make a group more effective by adding more people or supplies (**reinforced**)

repeal, v. to undo or withdraw a law (**repealed**)

retreat, v. to move back or away from danger or attack (**retreated**)

revere, v. to respect or honor (**revered**)

revolutionary, adj. leading to, or relating to, a complete change

S

score, n. another term for 20; a group of 20 things (**scores**)

skeptical, adj. doubtful

skirmish, n. a short, unplanned fight in a war (**skirmishes**)

so-called, adj. implying the name or description of something or someone may be inaccurate

splendor, n. extreme, awe-inspiring beauty

stockpile, v. to collect materials to use in the future (weapons, food, etc.) (**stockpiling**)

strategic, adj. carefully planned to achieve a specific goal, such as winning a battle or finishing a project

suitor, n. a man interested in marrying a certain woman

surrender, v. to give up, quit

switch, n. a thin stick that bends easily, often used as a whip

T

tactics, n. ways used to achieve a goal

tax, n. money a government charges for services it provides to the people (**taxes**)

traitor, n. someone who betrays his or her country, government, or a group he or she belongs to

turning point, n. a time when an important change occurs

tyrannical, adj. ruling people in a threatening or cruel way

V

villain, n. someone who does evil things (**villains**)

volley, n. the firing of a large number of weapons at the same time

W

woo, v. to try to get someone to love you (**wooing**)