

# THE WAR WITH TWO NAMES

**F**rance and England both settled colonies in North America. The southern part of Canada and the Mississippi River Valley belonged to France. England had the 13 American colonies and the northern part of Canada. Both countries wanted to rule the land called the Ohio Valley.

The French were the first people from Europe to live in the Ohio Valley. They built forts there. British settlers began to move into the area, which made the French angry. Together with the Native Americans who lived there, the French attacked the British settlers. In the early 1750s, French soldiers arrived to help keep the British out.



In 1754, the French and Indian War began. England sent soldiers to make the French leave the Ohio Valley. These troops were not from the regular British army. Instead, the small army was made up of colonists from Virginia. George Washington, who was only 22 years old, led them into battle.

Washington's army lost. England realized it could not use just a small group of soldiers from one colony. To defeat the French, the British had to be serious. More British troops went in, and there was more fighting. Professional soldiers from the British army fought side by side with colonists. In May 1756, the British officially declared war on France.

During the war, many Native Americans joined the French to fight the British. This is why the war is called the French and Indian War. The Native Americans thought that if the French won, the British would stop moving onto the Native Americans' land.

At the same time, England and France fought each other in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Fighting a war on four continents was hard, and the war lasted seven years. Because of the length of the war, Europeans called the war the Seven Years War.

In 1763, the British won the war. Both countries signed the Treaty of Paris. This paper said that France lost most of its land in North America. England now owned Florida, the Ohio Valley, Canada, and all the land along the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Multiple Choice

*Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.*

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, the French and Indian War began.

- A. 1861
- B. 1492
- C. 1539
- D. 1754

2. England sent troops from \_\_\_\_\_ to fight the French in the Ohio Valley.

- A. Virginia
- B. Mississippi
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. Canada

3. Europeans called the war the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. French and Indian War
- B. American Revolution
- C. Seven Years War
- D. Civil War

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ won the war.

- A. French
- B. British
- C. Native Americans
- D. Canadians

5. The Treaty of Paris gave \_\_\_\_\_ to the country that won the war.

- A. Florida
- B. Canada
- C. the Ohio Valley
- D. all of the above

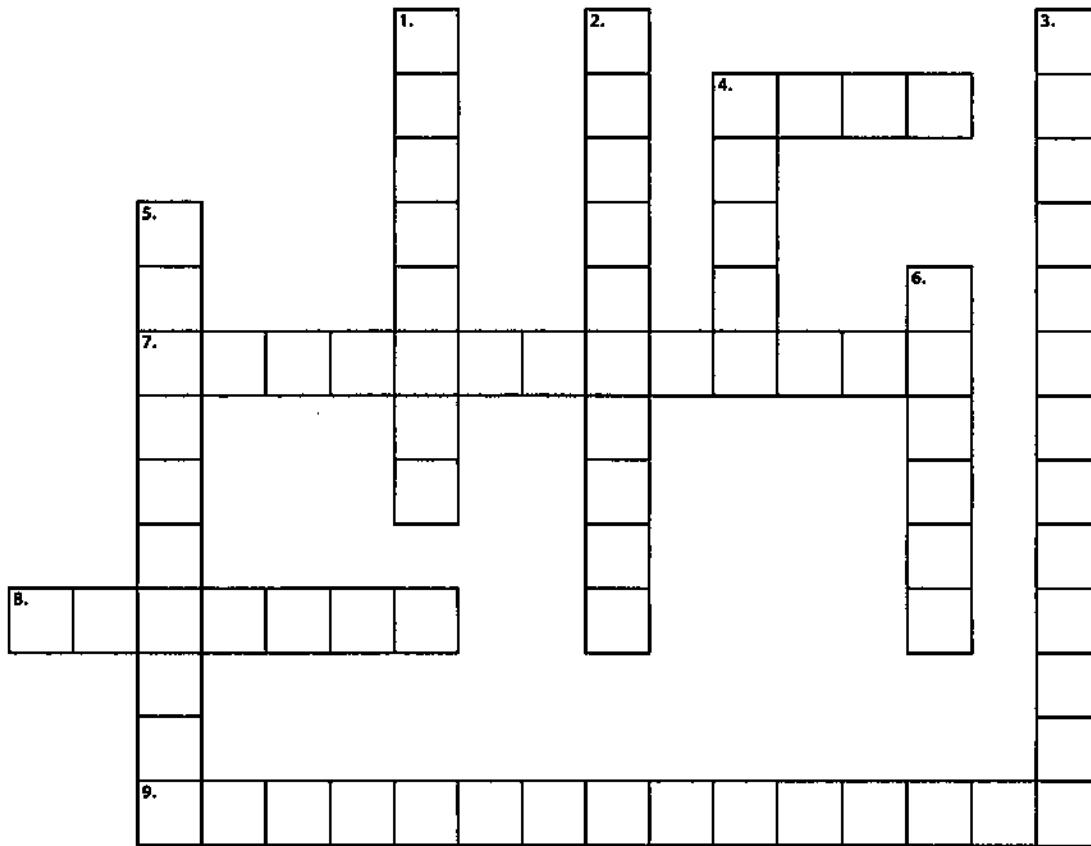
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## Crossword Puzzle

Write the best answer in each blank, and complete the crossword puzzle.



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4. The French and Indian War was fought on \_\_\_\_\_ continents.
7. Because of its length, the war is also called the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Before the war, \_\_\_\_\_ owned the 13 American colonies and the northern part of Canada.
9. Some \_\_\_\_\_ joined the French to fight the British.

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1. England sent soldiers from \_\_\_\_\_ to make the French leave the Ohio Valley.
2. Both countries wanted to rule the land called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The paper that was signed when the war ended was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The French built \_\_\_\_\_ in the Ohio Valley.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ led the first set of British troops into battle.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ lost the war.

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## Time Line – The French and Indian War

Use the time line to answer the following questions. Write the answers in complete sentences.

<b>Early 1750s</b> .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British settlers begin moving to Ohio Valley</li> <li>• French soldiers arrive in Ohio Valley</li> </ul>
<b>1754</b> .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French and Indian War begins</li> </ul>
<b>1756</b> .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British officially declare war on French</li> </ul>
<b>1763</b> .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British win the war</li> <li>• Treaty of Paris is signed</li> </ul>

1. What year did the French and Indian War begin?

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2. How many years passed between the official beginning and the end of the war?

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3. What happened in 1763?

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## Extension Activities

*Choose one of the following activities to complete. Write the answer in complete sentences.*

1. Which Native American groups joined the French to fight the British? Look on the Internet or at the library to find the names of three tribes that joined the French.

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2. In which country in Asia did the French and the British fight each other? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out the name of the country.

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3. Why was George Washington put in charge of the troops from Virginia? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.

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# QUIZ: THE WAR WITH TWO NAMES

## True/False

Decide if each statement is true or false, and write "true" or "false" in the blank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. France won the French and Indian War.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. George Washington led troops from Virginia to fight the French.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In Europe, the war was called the Seven Years War.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The French and Indian War began in 1861.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The Mayflower Compact was signed at the end of the war.

## Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.

6. Before the war, \_\_\_\_\_ owned the 13 American colonies and the northern part of Canada.

A. England  
B. France  
C. Spain  
D. the United States

7. The French and Indian War was fought on \_\_\_\_\_ continents.

A. one  
B. two  
C. three  
D. four

## Short Answer

Answer the following question in complete sentences.

8. What was the name of the treaty that was signed at the end of the French and Indian War?

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