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**Study Guide for Social Studies
Chapter 7 Lesson 2
“Fighting for Independence”**

mercenaries – hired soldiers

negotiate – to try to reach an agreement

campaign – a series of military actions carried out for a certain goal

enlisted – signed up

turning point – an event that causes an important change

Comparing Armies

- the British had more and better trained soldiers
- the British had more supplies
- the British hired soldiers
- a disadvantage for the British was that it was difficult to get supplies to the colonies because they were so far away

The colonists

- knew the land
- most soldiers had no uniforms, only their everyday clothes (problem)
- many soldiers had no guns, only spears and axes (problem)
- had help from France, Spain, the Netherlands, and Russia

Winter of 1776, Washington

- ❖ spent in Pennsylvania because his defeated troops had to retreat from New York
- ❖ attacked Trenton on Christmas night because he knew he could surprise the Hessians
 - the soldiers were ready to give up, had to cross an icy river, and marched 9 miles in the snow and ice.

Winter of 1777

- British spent in Philadelphia
- Americans spent at Valley Forge and were helped by Marquis de Lafayette (bought the soldiers uniforms with his own money) and Friedrich von Steuben (taught them better ways to fight)

Saratoga provided the Continental Army with British cannons, soldiers, and supplies and with the feeling that they did have a chance to win the war.

As the fighting continued, Ben Franklin was in France trying to negotiate with the French government