Holt McDougal Mittel American History: The Early Years of the War

❖ America Divided
  ➢ 20-30% loyalist (loyal to British)
  ➢ 40-45% patriot (loyal to Colonies)
  ➢ 25-40% neutral

❖ Americans Choose Sides
  ➢ Patriots:
    ■ New England
    ■ Virginia
    ■ Congregationalists
    ■ Presbyterians
    ■ Baptists
  ➢ Loyalists:
    ■ New York
    ■ The South
    ■ Anglican Clergy
    ■ Quakers
  ➢ African Americans and Native Americans
    ■ Slaves could not enlist on the American side
    ■ Britain gave slaves freedom if they fought for them
    ■ 5,000 slaves fought for America
    ■ Largest Native American war in history

❖ Preparing for War
  ➢ Washington was named general of the continental army in 1775

❖ Problems of the Army
  ➢ The first army was made up of untrained part-time soldiers
    ■ Congress only asked men to enlist for 1 year.
      • The army never reached over 17,00 people
      • They lacked blankets, shoes, foods, and weapons