

“THE CROSSING”

Video questions

Please write your thorough and thoughtful answers on the back of this paper. Use another sheet if you need more space or have a tendency to write LARGE.

- 1. As shown at the beginning of the movie, describe the condition of the retreating Continental (American) Army.**
- 2. Not all colonists eager to help Washington’s Army during the Revolution. Explain why and provide an example of each – patriot and loyalist – from the movie.**
- 3. Describe the hardships endured by the American soldiers in their camp. Give at least three examples of “camp life”.**
- 4. Who are the Hessians? Explain WHY Washington’s officers are nervous about attacking the Hessians in Trenton.**
- 5. Explain WHY Washington still plans to cross the Delaware and attack the feared Hessians against everyone’s advice.**
- 6. Describe at least three hardships, problems or risks faced by the Americans in “The Crossing” of the river.**
- 7. Describe the reaction of the Hessian commander, Colonel Rall, when he is informed of the American’s surprise attack. Why do you think he responds in this manner?**
- 8. Explain how “The Crossing” of the Delaware River saved the Revolutionary War from ending and gave the American rebels hope to continue.**
- 9. Describe the qualities that make Washington a great leader.**

Short Essay Answer:

- 10. Write a thorough and thoughtful paragraph to explain the meaning of General Greene’s quote when he tells Washington, “In the end, sir, we all kill for profit – the British and the Hessians...and us.”**

Use examples, facts, or quotes from the movie to support your answer.