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DIRECTIONS: Use your textbook pages 141-145 to fill in the following blanks using the words in this box.

Green Mountain Boys	American	John Hancock	militias
Correspondence	April 18, 1775	Minutemen	Loyalists
700	Boston	70 minutemen	Patriots
Breeds Hill	Concord	Paul Revere	Ethan Allen
Georgia	Gunpowder		

The Continental Congress

Delegates from every colony except (1)_____ attended the Continental Congress in September 1774. At the gathering. Patrick Henry stated, "I am not a Virginian, but an (2)_____." Then most important decision delegates made concerned armed opposition to Great Britain. A resolution was passed to form (3)_____ . - or groups of citizen soldiers.

The First Battles

Well-prepared, fast militia companies in Massachusetts were known as (4)_____. General Thomas Gage ordered (5)_____ of his troops to go to (6)_____ to destroy all the artillery and ammunition. When Dr. Joseph Warren saw British troops march out of Boston on the night of (7)_____, he rushed to alert (8)_____ and William Dawes. Reveres and Dawes then rode to Lexington to warn Samuel Adams and (9)_____. In Lexington the redcoats came across a group of about (10)_____, and the fight for independence began. Along the road from Concord to (11)_____, colonists fired at the British, wounding at least 174 and killing 73.



TURN OVER

More Military Action

On May 10, 1775, a small group of New Englanders, known as the (12) _____
Led by (13) _____ captured the British Fort Ticonderoga at Lake Champlain.
Committees of (14) _____ sent out calls for volunteers to join the militias. In
June 1775 redcoats charged militia members on (15) _____. The colonists
ran out of (16) _____ and withdrew, but the British suffered heavy losses.
The (17) _____ did not consider unfair taxes and regulations sufficient cause
for rebellion. The (18) _____, however, were determined to fight for
independence.

