Canada a Peoples History  
Episode 4  
Battle for a Continent

In 1755 the French Canadiens and their native allies are burning out enemy Americans on the St. Lawrence River front. War is looming on the horizon and the 7 Years war will change the destiny of Canada forever.

1) The publisher of the Pennsylvania newspaper sees North America’s future as having one language and one religion. They are ____________________ and ____________________

2) How many people live in the US colonies at this time? (now 14 colonies from Halifax to Savannah in the south)

3) In the summer of 1755 Franklin press urges the British settlers to settle in the rich lands of the Ohio Valley where the French and Natives currently live. When the British arrive the French and Natives fight back. Currently, there is _______________ people living in Canada along with their native allies.

4) Franklin sees no future for the British unless the French are eliminated, who are the first victims of this elimination?

The Governor and the General

In June of 1756 Europe erupts in war between the French and the British. They fight for world dominance.

5) The Marquee de Voidroi is the first Canadien born Governor. Why does he feel that a New France Canadien should lead the forces here rather than someone sent from France?

6) The Marquee de Voidroi’s fighting tactic is like that of the Aboriginals. Quick, agressive, guerilla warfare, how does the Marquee de Montcalm prefer to fight?

7) William Pitt, a British minister decides to send many soldiers to fight New France. How and where does he decide to attack?

A Detering and Dreadful Vengeance

At the Atlantic Coast, Louisbourg guards the St. Lawrence. In order to get to Quebec it must be destroyed. The invasion of Canada begins here on June 1st, 1758.

8) Why does the Governor or Louisbourg (Drucour) hope to hold the fortress of Louisbourg until the end of the summer?

9) The British have their own hero. He is ____________________
What is he known for?
10) How long did Drucour hold out Louisbourg before surrendering?

11) In Quebec, Moncalm is waiting, but is outnumbered _____ to _______. He does not lack confidence. After his first successful attack he requires and asks France for 4000 more soldiers.

**The Inevitable Hour**

12) “One does not try to save the stable when the house is on fire” Explain this comment from France.

13) In the Spring, men come to help fight the British. Where does Montcalm expect the enemy to attack?

14) When the British arrive in Quebec how many men and ships do they have? 

_________ ships, ________ of the British Navy, ________ soldiers and _________sailors

15) Describe the health of General James Wolfe at this time

**The River of Fire**

16) On June 26th, Quebec strikes first on the anchored British fleets. What do they do?

17) Why are the British fleet spared?

18) Many homes are demolished and burnt to the ground, the city is in shambles, what threatens the last few survivors left?

19) The British siege of Quebec lasts _____ weeks and they are overcome by over ____________ cannon balls but they still do not surrender! (Go Quebec Go!)

**Divided councils, Desperate Plans**

20) How do General Wolfe’s fellow commanders feel towards him?

21) On Tuesday, July 31st Wolfe launches another attack on the Beauport Trench. Who wins this battle?

22) Wolfe, now humiliated and desperate decides, “if I can not capture Canada I will……………

23) The summer is coming to an end and Wolfe must act soon! A planned attack on the South shore is delayed due to Rain. Wolfe wanders off towards the North Shore and decides to do something that will CHANGE HISTORY FOREVER……………..what do you think he does? ??????