

## CHAPTER

## 6

The American Revolution  
(1775–1783)

## Vocabulary Development

Some words change forms when their part of speech changes. For example, the noun *siege* changes form when it changes into a verb, *besiege*. Other words keep the same form even when changing from a noun to an adjective or verb. For example, *sail*, the noun, is spelled the same as *sail*, the verb.

## Vocabulary

blockade  
guerrilla  
mercenary  
ratify

**Directions:** Complete the following sentences with the form each word takes when it is used in different parts of speech. One form of each word is done for you as an example.

**Noun form:**

British warships imposed a *blockade* of colonial ports.

**Verb form:**

1. British warships were ordered to \_\_\_\_\_ all colonial ports.

**Adjective form:**

2. Goods could not be shipped into or out of the \_\_\_\_\_ ports.

**Verb form:**

It was the task of Congress to *ratify* the Treaty of Paris.

**Adjective form:**

3. The Treaty of Paris was \_\_\_\_\_ by Congress in 1783.

**Noun form:**

4. A soldier who fights for no cause but money is considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Adjective form:**

The man's *mercenary* behavior showed that he had no loyalty to his country.

**Noun form:**

To be successful, a *guerrilla* must make use of surprise and deception.

**Adjective form:**

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ fighters fired from behind trees and stone walls.