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Life in the Colonies During the War Answer Key

1. c. Ordinary people played key roles in the American Revolution

2. Possible answers:

- Communities were divided, and neighbors sometimes turned against each other
- Daily life was disrupted, and civilians faced fear, hunger, or loss of property

3. A Loyalist was a colonist who remained loyal to Britain during the war.

4. Women:

- Took over businesses and farms
- Served as nurses, spies, and supporters like Molly Pitcher

5. Enslaved people joined the war hoping for freedom, but many were risking being captured, returned to slavery, or killed.

6. Sample Answer: No, it was not easy to stay neutral. Colonists were often forced to choose sides and could face punishment or suspicion from others. Political beliefs divided communities and families.