CHAPTER 6 SECTION 4
Reading Essentials
The War Is Won

**Essential Question**

How did the Battle of Yorktown lead to American independence?

**Directions:** As you read, complete the cause-and-effect diagram below showing the effects of trapping Cornwallis in Yorktown.

**Notes**

**Read to Learn**

**Victory at Yorktown** *(page 175-176)*

**Determining Cause & Effect**

*Why did George Washington change his plan to attack British troops in New York City?*

**Change in Plans**

The Siege at Yorktown
Independence
(page 177-178)

Distinguishing Fact from Opinion

Circle the statements below that are fact. Underline the statements that are opinion.

1. The British recognized the United States as an independent nation.
2. The patriotic spirit of the American people was an important reason they won the war.
3. Americans knew how to lay an ambush.
4. Freedom and equality are ideals worth fighting for.
5. Saint Domingue won independence from colonial rule in 1804.
Section Wrap-Up

Analyzing Why were French and American troops able to force Cornwallis to surrender quickly?

Making Generalizations How did the American Revolution affect the rest of the world?