Discussion Questions

Nonfiction Book: Magic Tree House Research Guide
American Revolution
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1.) How many colonies was America divided into before it became known as the United States? (knowledge)

2.) Make a timeline of the main events leading up to the war. (Application)

3.) Would you have liked to have lived like a colonist in the 1770s? Why or why not? (Evaluation)

4.) Compare and contrast the life of the colonists to the life of you and your family. (Analysis)

5.) What did the Stamp Act do? (knowledge)

6.) What events led to the Boston Tea Party? (knowledge)

7.) Describe the type of man George Washington was. (Comprehension)

8.) Make a list of the ways in which the Declaration of Independence protects the people. (Knowledge)

9.) Reinvent the Declaration of Independence so that it protects everyone. (ex: women) (Synthesis)

10.) How do you think things could have ended differently if the ride of Paul Revere had never occurred? (Synthesis)

11.) Choose two men or women of the Revolution (pages 79-83) to compare and contrast. (Analysis)

12.) What happened at the Battle of Trenton? (Knowledge)

13.) Summarize what a Molly Pitcher is. (Comprehension)

14.) Which do you think was the most influential battle of the war? Defend your choice. (Evaluation)

15.) What is the treaty that ended the American Revolution? (Knowledge)
Fiction book: Magic Tree House #2
   Revolutionary War on Wednesday
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1.) Who were the redcoats? (Knowledge)

2.) What other clues could Jack have used to determine if the rider on page 30 was George Washington? (Evaluation)

3.) Summarize Jack and Annie's adventure. (Comprehension)

4.) What would you have done if you were Jack and Annie when they ended up on the boat? (Analysis)

5.) What happened on December 25, 1776? (Knowledge)

6.) Who were the Hessians? (Knowledge)

7.) Compare and contrast the roles of the soldiers with the role of George Washington. (Analysis)

8.) In what ways did Jack and Annie help George Washington? (Comprehension)

9.) Who were Tories? (Knowledge)

10.) What did Thomas Paine do? (Knowledge)

11.) Are there any moments in the book where you would have acted differently than Jack and Annie? Why? (Evaluation)

12.) What was The Crisis? (Comprehension)

13.) What river did George Washington and the army cross? (Knowledge)

14.) Who became the first president of the United States and in what year? (Knowledge)

15.) Why do you think George Washington was chosen to have his face on the dollar bill? (Evaluation)