

TREATY OF PARIS WEB TREK -- ANSWER KEY

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1. John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Henry Laurens.
2. Britain acknowledged America's right to self-determination and independence, fishing rights off the coast of Newfoundland, peaceful withdrawal of British forces, and a western border.
3. It officially ended the Revolutionary War, and was signed September 3rd, 1783.
4. France, Spain, and the Netherlands.
5. An American victory at the Battle of Yorktown started peace talks with Britain. Britain was beginning to consider the possibility of American independence at this time.
6. The British government at this time was unstable. The Earl of Shelburne wanted peace but did not wish to yield independence.
7. Britain could not maintain forces against all of its adversaries, especially since it had run up huge expenses during the Revolutionary War.
8. Americans agreed to separate peace negotiations because they felt they stood a stronger chance of winning independence.
9. Shelburne hoped that giving independence to America would help Britain in negotiating peace settlements with France, Spain, and the Netherlands.
10. America fared far better, winning its independence and large territorial gains. France endured a financial crisis that ultimately led to the French Revolution.