

5.3 Birth of the American Republic (pp. 195-203)

CHECKPOINTS: Answer each question as you read the text.

1. What led to Britain's rise to global prominence in the mid-1700s?
2. In what ways were the colonies already developing independence from Britain?
3. What Enlightenment ideas are reflected in the Declaration of Independence?
4. What advantages did the colonists have in battling Britain for their independence?
5. Explain the influence of Enlightenment ideas on the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights.