Crack the Code

Explore the events of the American Revolution through codes and ciphers.

During the most troublesome times of the Revolutionary War, Washington had written, "There is one evil I dread, and that is their spies." Out of these vexing times came the birth of George Washington, the spymaster. The intelligence operation that he built aided him in outwitting his enemies and in winning the war.

"There is nothing more necessary than good Intelligence to frustrate a designing enemy, & nothing that requires greater pains to obtain." ~George Washington

Letter: August 15, 1779

Abraham Woodhull, alias Culper Sr.,

To General George Washington

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"Every _____ is opened at the

727

Entrance of _____ and every

Man is searched, that for the future

356 691

Every _____ must be _____

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With the _____ received."

Letter: July 10, 1779

General George Washington

to Major Benjamin Tallmadge

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“There can _____ be any need

Ligqnniphcpa 217+est

Of _____ the _____

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_____and _____ in a

69 132+ous

_____ so critical and _____.”

Letter: July 15, 1780

Benedict Arnold written

to Major John Andre'

"If I point out a plan of _____

167.2.4

by which SH shall possess _____

354.1.2

of _____ _____

844.2.15

I think will be a cheap purchase….

For an object of so much importance."

How was this phrase encrypted?

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Now it's your turn to test your skills at being a spy. On the next page, write a spy message of your own using one of the codes provided in this book. Sign your spy name in invisible ink, lest you be caught. Have one of our agents deliver the message to a friend to solve. Successful completion of this mission will demonstrate your knowledge of what it takes to be a spy. May divine providence speed your efforts!

Agent 355