***Vocabulary from the primary source texts***

***3-pounder, 6-pounder*** – cannons firing **balls** or **grape shot** of those weights

***assault*** – attack

***ball***– usually a musket ball (bullet), sometimes a cannon ball

***bayonet*** – a pointed rod for stabbing attached to the end of the barrel of a gun

***breastwork***– a defensive structure that is chest high (often made of logs)

***Brunswicker*** *–* a German soldier from the state of Brunswick (all but a few of the German soldiers at the Battle of Bennington were Brunswickers)

***check*** – stop (“check an army’s progress”); also, a setback (“receive a check”)

***clamber*** – climb with difficulty

***commence*** – begin

***commission*** *–* give someone a job to do; also, the job itself

***conceal*** *–*  hide

***dragoon*** *–* a soldier who is supposed to ride a horse; Baum’s dragoons lacked horses

***entrenchment*** *–* a defensive structure made of earth, logs, etc.

***envelop*** *–* surround

***esteem*** – think well of

***exhume*** – dig up

***falter*** – grow weaker

***field pieces*** – cannons

***flax*** *–* a kind of tall grass used to make clothing

***fortifications***– defensive structures

***grapeshot*** *–* small balls(30 or so) shot from a cannon all at once

***grenadier*** – a kind of foot soldier

***Hessian***– a German soldier in the Revolutionary War, sometimes from the German state of Hesse, sometimes not

***impending***– coming soon

***infantry –*** soldiers who fight on foot

***Loyalist*** *(also Royalist)* – an American who sided with the British

***meeting house*** – a church or other main public building in a town

***mortally*** – fatally

***musket*** – a gun with a smooth bore firing round bullets

***neutral*** – not taking sides

***non-combatant*** – someone who chooses not to fight

***Patriot*** – an American supporting Congress

***plunder*** – take possessions by force (also, the things that are taken, as after a battle)

***rebel*** *–* the name given by the British to Americans who fought against the King; also, with the stress on the second syllable, to rise up against authority

***redoubt* –** a defensive structure, a fortification to protect soldiers

***reluctant*** – hesitant to do something

***repent***– regret

***rifle*** – a gun with a grooved bore

***sinews***– muscles and tendons

***summons*** – a call to come

***terminating*** – ending

***works*** – defensive structures

***Tory –*** a Loyalist, a civilian supporter of the King

***widow –*** a woman whose husband has died

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