You will probably want to “take notes” as you watch the film – it may help you when answering the film questions.

1) What is the conflict in this film?

2) How is the conflict resolved?

3) Who was your favorite character in the movie? Why?

4) Who was your least favorite character in the movie? Why?

5) Did all of the events portrayed in the film ring true? Describe the scenes that you found especially accurate. Which sequences did not seem to match reality? Why?

6) Would it have been better to insist on the antislavery language that Jefferson originally proposed to insert into the Declaration of Independence or did the Continental Congress do the right thing in compromising by excluding it?

7) When is rebelling against your government the right thing to do?

8) When Hancock, the presiding officer of the Continental Congress, suggested that he might start favoring the pro-independence side, why did John Adams decline his offer and tell him to continue being fair and neutral? What do you think a statesman is?

1776 MAIN CHARACTERS

John Adams – MA Lewis Morris - NY

Benjamin Franklin – PA John Hancock – MA

John Dickinson – PA Thomas Jefferson – VA

Judge Wilson – PA Richard Henry Lee – VA

Edward Rutledge – SC Rev. Witherspoon – NJ

Stephen Hopkins – RI Lyman Hall – GA   
Caesar Rodney – DE Mr. Thompson - Secretary

McNair - Custodian