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**You are spies for the British Army! For most of the month of August in 1777, they were trying to get the American soldiers inside Fort Stanwix to surrender, or give up, the fort to them. Your job is to find out as much information as you can about Fort Stanwix to take back to your commander, General St. Leger. Good luck!**

Task 1 – What was important to the area before you arrived?

Why was this an important meeting area? *(Use the sign by the front door of the Visitor Center to answer this.)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** What fur(s) was/were worth the most in trade? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Task 2 – Why are you here?

What is the piece of land called that Fort Stanwix protected in the 1700s? *(Use the sign on the path near the Visitor Center to answer this.)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Why was this land important? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Task 3 – How are the Americans staying safe?

What is going to stop you from getting in? Take a look at the outside of the fort and share with the group what you see, and why you think that part of the fort will make it harder for you to get in.

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Task 4 – How else can you take over the fort?

What are you (the British army) doing to try to get closer to the fort? *(Use the sign on the path near St. Peter’s Church to answer this.)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Why are you hoping to get closer to the fort? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Task 5 – Were you successful?

After your spy mission, make your report to General St. Leger. Do you think you’ll be successful? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Now, take a look at the park brochure to see if you were right. Were you? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** What was important about the results of the August 1777 siege of Fort Stanwix? *(Hint: What happened in October of 1777? Use the brochure to help you.)*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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