1. Why was the land in the Ohio River Valley desirable?

   For several reasons the Ohio River was desirable:
   1. Ohio River Valley was prime beaver-trapping territory.
   2. Ohio River Valley had rich soil for farming.
   3. The Ohio River was a great transportation route.

2. Before the war started, what did the French do to protect their claims? How did the British respond to this?

   To protect their claims, the French built a series of forts from Lake Erie south along the Ohio River. The British wanted to capture the forts and force the French to leave.

3. What role did George Washington have in the French and Indian War? Did he learn any valuable skills?

   George Washington was a colonel in the war. He learned different fighting styles from the French and Indians. Washington learned British military tactics which helped him in a later war (the American Revolution).

4. Describe the role of the American Indians in the conflict.

   American Indians aided both the French and the English during the French and Indian War. The Algonquin tribe helped the French. The Iroquois aided the English.

5. Why was the war so expensive for Britain? How did Britain decide to pay for the war?

   The War lasted a long time (9 years); it was expensive. Britain had to pay for troops and supplies during the war. After the war was over, Britain had to keep soldiers in America to guard against the return of the French.