Culminating Writing Task Directions

Were the colonists justified in declaring their independence and fighting the Revolutionary War?

To answer this question:

- Review the unit texts.
- Create a list of reasons and evidence why the colonists declared their independence.
- Create a list of reasons and evidence why the British felt they had the right to govern the colonies.
- Determine whether the colonists were right or wrong to declare their independence.

Write an essay stating whether you believe the colonists were justified in declaring their independence and fighting the Revolutionary War. Support your opinion with reasons and information from unit texts and use linking words (e.g., *for instance*, *in addition*) to connect your opinion and reasons. Also, be sure to use proper grammar, conventions, spelling, and grade-appropriate words and phrases.