

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A Timeline of American Revolution



BOSTON MASSACRE
5 Colonists shot by British soldiers. This event turned many colonists against Britain.

INTOLERABLE ACTS (DECLARATORY ACTS)
Passed in response to the Boston Tea Party. It closed Boston Harbor, passed the Quartering Act, and put Boston under Martial Law.



April 19 BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD
were the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War. Known as the "shot heard around the world"

February 14 THOMAS PAINE'S COMMON SENSE PUBLISHED
A national best seller, *Common Sense* convinced many Americans who were undecided into revolution against the British.



December 26 BATTLE OF TRENTON
General George Washington's first win of the war, boosting the morale of the military and the country.



Winter 1777-78 VALLEY FORGE
Washington's military camp where Prussian drill master, Friedrich von Steuben transformed Americans into disciplined soldiers.



September 3 TREATY OF PARIS
Ended the Revolutionary War, recognized U.S. independence, and set the boundaries of the U.S. from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River.

February 10, 1763 TREATY OF PARIS
Ended the French and Indian War between Great Britain and France/ Natives. Britain gained French territory in North America.

STAMP ACT

Tax paid for the right to print (1st Internal Tax). Sparked huge protests and gave birth to the Sons of Liberty.



December 16 BOSTON TEA PARTY

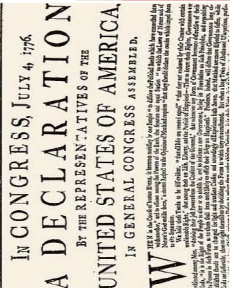
Sons of Liberty protest Tea Act by dumping 18,000 pounds of tea into Boston Harbor. Turned harbor brown for five months, killing every fish in the water.



May 10, 1775 - March 1, 1781 SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Congress named Washington as the commander of the military, issued the Declaration of Independence and navigated the U.S. during the war.

July 4 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
announced that the 13 British Colonies, were now 13 sovereign states independent of the British



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October 7th BATTLE OF SARATOGA

Patriots score another win. Their strength convinced the French to join the war for with the U.S.

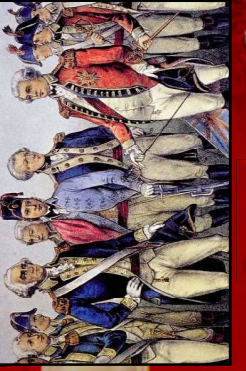
November 15 ADOPTION OF THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

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October 19 VICTORY AT YORKTOWN

Patriots score a big win against General Cornwallis. Last big battle of the war. Britain wants peace.



1783

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Analyze the timeline on the back to answer the following questions.

1. What happened earlier? A) *Declaration of Independence* B) *the first battle of the war*
2. What year was the Battle of Trenton? _____
3. What is the span (number of years shown) on this timeline? _____
4. What event happened December 26, 1776? _____
5. Why was the Battle of Trenton so significant? _____
6. Who protested the the Tea Act by dumping 18,000 pounds of tea into Boston Harbor? _____
7. How many years did it take from the French joining the side of the Patriots to the official end of the war? _____
8. When was the first battle of the war? _____ What was it? _____
9. What year was the Sons of Liberty created? _____
10. Who transformed American colonists to well disciplined American soldiers? _____
11. What two events happened in 1777? _____
12. What was Thomas Paine's national best seller called? _____ Why was it so important? _____
13. Why is the battle of Yorktown significant? _____
14. What two events on the timeline turned many Americans against the British and towards revolution? _____

Matching

- ____ 15. he was defeated at the Battle of Yorktown
- ____ 16. he began a sneak attack Christmas night which led to a huge victory at Trenton
- ____ 17. shot heard around the world
- ____ 18. closed Boston Harbor and forced colonists to quarter British soldiers
- ____ 19. treaty that ended the Revolutionary War
- ____ 20. treaty that ended the French and Indian War

- a. Treaty of Paris 1783
- b. General Charles Cornwallis
- c. Treaty of Paris 1763
- d. General George Washington
- e. Intolerable Acts
- f. Battle of Lexington and Concord



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