

Unit 2 Organizer: The American Revolution

The Big Picture:

The British victory in the French and Indian War (1754-1763) brought additional lands in the West, but significant war debts as well. To pay this debt, the British parliament moved away from salutary neglect in favor of more strict colonial control. Colonial protest to new taxes, restrictions on colonial self-government, and influence from the European Enlightenment led to a colonial Declaration of Independence in 1776. During the American Revolution, the overmatched colonists found a leader in George Washington and badly-needed French assistance after the Battle of Saratoga. When the war ended, the Treaty of Paris in 1783 brought independence and the formation of the United States.

<u>Last Unit:</u> Colonial History	<u>Current Unit:</u> The American Revolution	<u>Next Unit:</u> The New Nation
Suggested Activities:	Key Terms and Phrases:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salutary neglect 2. French and Indian War 3. Treaty of Paris, 1763 4. Parliamentary Sovereignty 5. Proclamation of 1763 6. Stamp Act 7. Boston Massacre 8. Boston Tea Party 9. Coercive Acts/Intolerable Acts 10. Sons and Daughters of Liberty 11. Committees of Correspondence 12. Enlightenment philosophes John Locke and Montesquieu 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Thomas Paine's <i>Common Sense</i> 14. "No taxation without representation" 15. Thomas Jefferson's <i>Declaration of Independence</i> 16. George Washington 17. Marquis de Lafayette 18. Lord Cornwallis 19. Lexington and Concord 20. Valley Forge 21. Saratoga 22. Yorktown 23. Treaty of Paris, 1783
<p><u>Essential Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did each of the following help cause the American Revolution? (a) the end of the French and Indian War, (b) the Stamp and Intolerable Acts, (c) the ideas of the Enlightenment, (d) Thomas Paine's <i>Common Sense</i>? 2. What role did each play in helping the Americans win the Revolutionary War: (a) George Washington, Ben Franklin, (c) Marquis de Lafayette, (d) Saratoga, (e) Valley Forge, (f) Yorktown? 3. What were the major provisions of the Treaty of Paris that ended the war in 1783? 		

Unit 2 Reading Guide: The American Revolution

Chapter 3 Section 4

1. France and Great Britain came into conflict in the 1750s, fighting to control what part of North America?
2. About how many European settlers lived in New France by 1754?
3. Who commanded the Virginia militia on the expedition to force the French from Fort Duquesne?
4. Who won the French and Indian War?
5. Why did the British government issue the Proclamation of 1763?
6. What act was passed by the British government in 1764 to increase tax revenues by taxing the American colonists and to limit the British policy of salutary neglect by increasing law enforcement in smuggling cases?

Chapter 4 Section 1 – Part I

7. Who was the first to die at the Boston Massacre?
8. What was the purpose of the Stamp Act of 1765?
9. Who were the Sons of Liberty?
10. The first successful joint colonial action, taking place in October 1765, was known as the:
11. According to the Declaratory Act of 1766, what governing body “had the full right to bind the colonies and people of America...in all cases whatsoever?”
12. What was the basic difference between the Townshend Acts and the Stamp Act?

Chapter 4 Section 1 – Part II

13. What was the primary task of the “committees of correspondence?”
14. The Tea Act of 1773, which lowered the price of tea, was an attempt to save what company from bankruptcy?
15. The Tea Act led to what event?
16. The Intolerable Acts of 1774 were designed to punish which British colony? Why?
17. Where and when did the First Continental Congress meet?

18. Why did the British march on Lexington and Concord in April 1775?
19. Who was given the responsibility of warning the colonists of the British march?

Chapter 4 Section 2

20. Who was the royal governor of New Jersey at the beginning of the American Revolution?
21. Who was given command of the Continental Army in June 1775?
22. What was the deadliest battle of the American Revolution?
23. What was the response of George III when he received the Olive Branch Petition in July 1775?
24. Who wrote the pamphlet “*Common Sense*?”
25. What English philosopher was the source of much of Jefferson’s inspiration when writing the Declaration of Independence?
26. When did the Continental Congress vote to adopt the Declaration of Independence?
27. Which side did most Native Americans support during the American Revolution?

Chapter 4 Section 3

28. Why were the American victories at Trenton and Princeton (both in December 1776) important to the American war effort?
29. How was the American victory at Saratoga (October 1777) a turning point in the Revolution?
30. While the British were “wintering” at Philadelphia during the winter of 1777 – 1778, the Americans were camped...where?
31. Why was inflation a problem during the American Revolution?

Chapter 4 Section 4

32. Who commanded the British forces in the southern colonies during the American Revolution?
33. Why didn’t the British withdraw from Yorktown under the protection of the British fleet (the world’s most powerful)?

34. What countries were represented at the Paris Peace Conference?