



THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

U.S. HISTORY GUIDED NOTES



The American Revolution was a war between Great Britain and the American colonists. It began in _____ and ended in _____, leading to American independence. ★

1. WHAT WAS THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

- ★ Colonists who wanted independence were called _____.
- ★ People who stayed loyal to Britain were called _____.
- ★ The war began after growing tensions between Britain and the _____.
- ★ The colonists wanted freedom from British _____.

3. IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE WAR

- 1775** Battles of Lexington and Concord — the war _____ 
- 1776** Declaration of Independence — the colonies declare _____ 
- 1777** Battle of Saratoga — turning point; helped gain _____ support. 
- 1777-1788** Valley Forge — hard winter for Washington's _____.  * *
- 1781** Battle of Yorktown — major American _____. 
- 1783** Treaty of Paris — Britain recognizes U.S. _____. 

7. IMPORTANT VOCAB

- independence — _____
- patriot — _____
- loyalist — _____
- treaty — _____

2. WHO FOUGHT?

PATRIOTS	LOYALISTS	BRITISH
American colonists who wanted independence.	Colonists who supported Britain.	Trained soldiers fighting for the king.
★ Also called the _____.	★ Loyal to the _____.	★ Strong navy and army.
★ Fought for _____.	★ Often faced distrust.	★ Fought to keep the colonies.

4. KEY PEOPLE

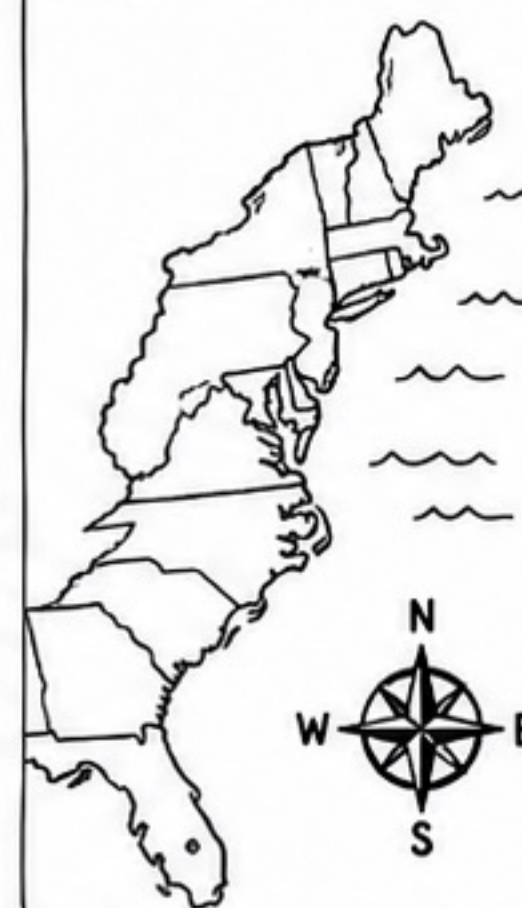
	GEORGE WASHINGTON Leader of the Continental Army. ★ Known as the "_____ of His Country."
	THOMAS JEFFERSON Wrote most of the Declaration of _____.
	KING GEORGE III King of Great Britain. ★ Wanted to keep control of the _____.
	MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE or BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Helped the American cause. ★ Gained _____ support.



THINK ABOUT IT:

Why do you think winning independence was worth the struggle?

5. MAP / GEOGRAPHY OF THE WAR



- ★ Many battles took place along the _____ coast.
- ★ Saratoga was important in the colony/state of _____.
- ★ Yorktown is in _____.
- ★ The Atlantic Ocean helped Britain send _____ and supplies.

6. WHY THE COLONISTS WON

- ★ Strong leadership from _____.
- ★ Help from _____.
- ★ Fighting on their home land.
- ★ British troops were far from _____.



8. CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING



- Who were the Patriots? _____
- What document was signed in 1776? _____
- Why was Saratoga a turning point? _____
- What happened at Yorktown? _____
- What did the Treaty of Paris do? _____

★ THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CHANGED HISTORY! ★