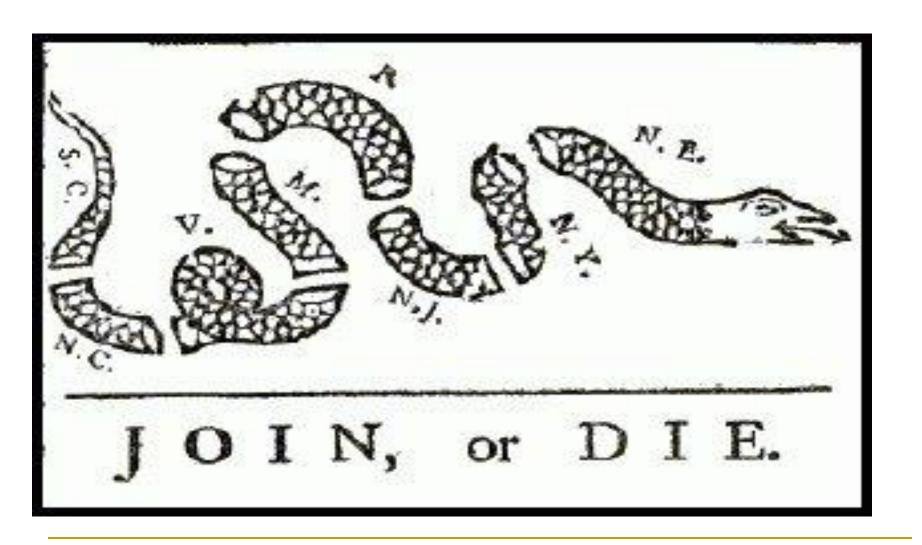
# The American Revolution

"Give me liberty or give me death..."

#### Why are the colonist upset...



# The American Revolution Begins...

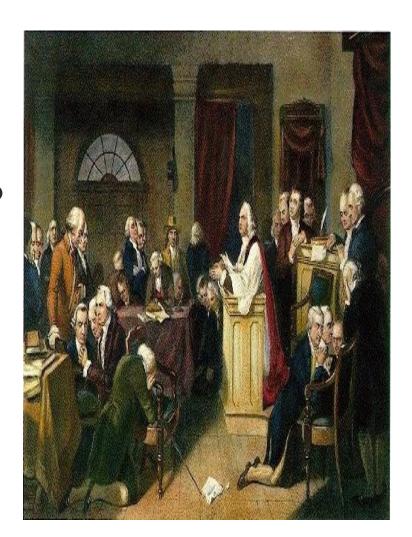
## First Continental Congress

#### 1774

- Colonist saw the <u>Coercive Acts</u> as the final insult against them...
  - In response to the mounting crisis, all the colonies <u>except</u> <u>Georgia</u> sent representative to discuss the issues...

## First Continental Congress

- This was the first gathering of colonial leaders who were deeply troubled about the relationship between Great Britain and its colonies in America...
  - 55 Representative meeting in secret...



# It's too late to apologize...

## First Continental Congress

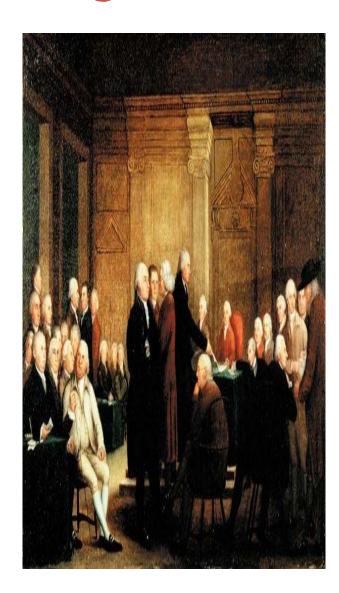
1774 President John Hancock

#### First Continental Congress (Lasted 2 Months)

- The first meetings were held at <u>Carpenter's Hall</u> in <u>Philadelphia</u>, the leaders remained locked in weeks of intense debate...
  - Some believed war was unavoidable, while others wanted to seek peace...

#### Wisely, the delegates compromised...

- They decided to keep boycotting British goods...
- They told the colonial militia to prepare for war...
- They also created a 'Declarations of Rights' which was a list of 10 resolutions to be presented to King George III...
  - Included the colonists' right to "life, liberty, and property..."
     King George III?



## First Continental Congress

## 1774 – Goals of Congress

- The First Continental Congress did not seek a separation from Great Britain...
  - Its main goal was to state the colonists' concerns and ask the king to correct the problem...
    - It was agreed though that if the King refused their petition that they would meet again in 1775.
- Although there was a temporary peace some colonist wanted to separate from Great Britain. They became known as <u>Patriots</u>...
  - Patrick Henry
    - "give me liberty or give me death..."

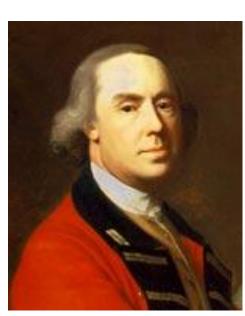


#### "Shot Heard 'round the World"

## 1775- Tension is Rising

- With the issue still not solved the **Continental Congress** planned to meet again in May of 1775, but before they could the situation changed...
  - British military leaders in the colonies grew uneasy when local militia seemed to be preparing for action...
    - <u>Thomas Gage</u>, Governor of **Mass**achusetts, learned about a stockpile of weapons in nearby Concord...
      - April, 1775 he decided he was going to seize it...





### Colonist Prepare...

#### **1775**

- Colonist noticed that the British soldiers were preparing for action...
  - Unsure of how the British would strike the
     Sons of Liberty prepared...

#### Paul Revere and Robert Newman.

- Robert Newman was to climb into the steeple of the <u>Old North Church</u> and watch for British soldiers...
  - If they advanced across land Newman would display one lantern from the steeple, and if they rowed across the Charles River Newman would display two lanterns...

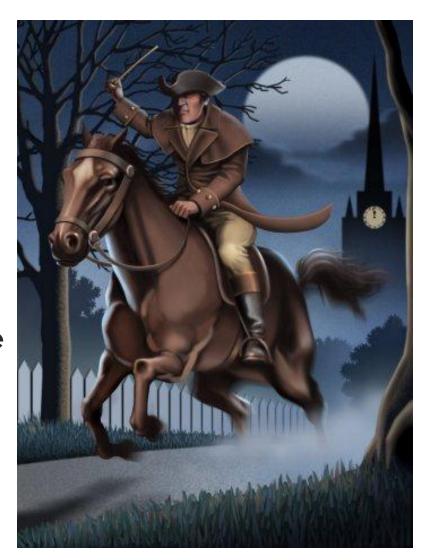




### Paul Reveres Ride...

### April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775

- Paul Revere and fellow (SOL)
   William Dawes two lanterns hanging from the Old North Church...
  - They set off on horseback to sound the alert...
    - As the riders advanced drums and church bells called out the local militia's...
      - The militia were known as <u>minutemen</u>, because they were ready to fight at a minutes notice...



## Activity

## The British are coming, the British are coming...

- \* Break up into groups of 4...
- \* Each groups will need to reenact Paul Revere's famous 'Midnight' Ride...
- \* Groups have 10 Minutes to prepare... (Then Present!)
- \* Questions?

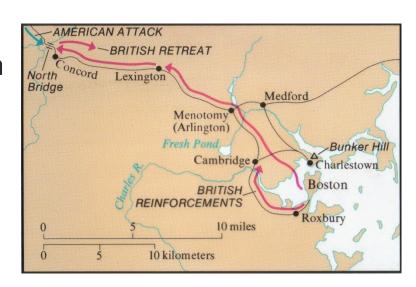




#### Battles at Lexington and Concord

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## Assignment

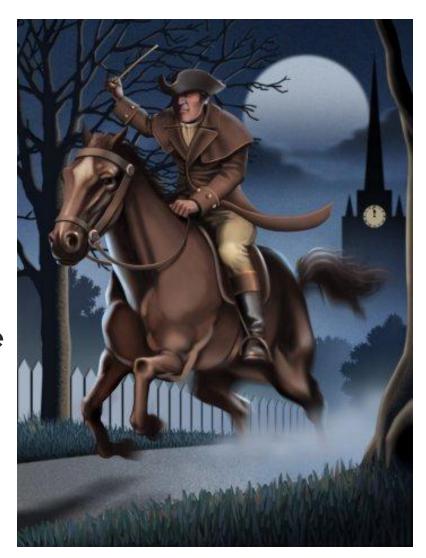
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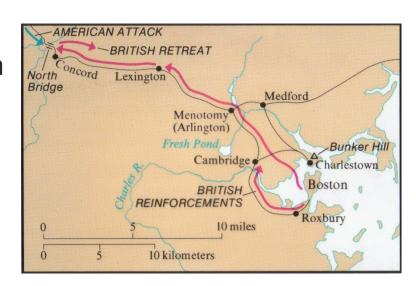
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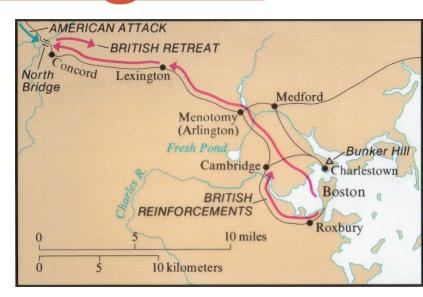




## Battles of Lexington

- The Battle of Lexington ended in minutes with only a few volleys fired...
  - 8 colonist were dead...
  - 10 colonist were wounded...
    - Only 1 British soldier was wounded...

 The British continued their march to concord...



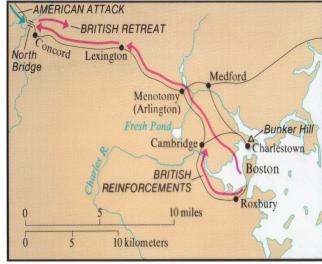


## **Battles of Concord**

- Paul Revere was arrested in Lexington, although Concord received the message from another rider...
  - Samuel Prescott
- Concord residents and the Sons of Liberty hid the stockpile of weapons...
  - British soldier were upset when no weapons were found in Concord and began setting fire to buildings...
- Enraged colonists and minutemen charged the British soldiers...
  - The British were forced to retreat and were chased all they way back to Boston...
    - Skilled marksmen were able to defeat the British because they were easy targets with their red uniforms...

#### **Redcoats**





### **Second Continental Congress**

1775

- King George III refused to address the concerns listed in the Declaration of Rights or colonial needs...
  - The 12 colonies again decided to meet in Philadelphia... (Carpenters Hall)
    - Second Continental Congress
      - Delegates again called for war and peace...
      - The congress did not want war!
        - Creation of state constitutions...
        - Authorized a Continental Army...
        - Authorized George Washington to command the army...

#### Olive Branch Petition (Final attempt at peace...)

- King George III saw this and refused the Olive Branch Petition deciding to punish the colonies...
  - Marshall Law and get rid of Thomas Gage (Gov.)





## What should the colonist 903

### Second Continental Congress

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(John Hancock is upset!)

• July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1775 they sent out the...

Olive Branch Petition (Final attempt at peace...)

#### Washington the Warrior!!!





#### 1775

- While the Second Continental Congress discussed peace, the Massachusetts militia began to fight...
  - Boston was a key city in the early days of the war...
    - Both <u>Patriots</u> and <u>Redcoats</u> fought to hold it...

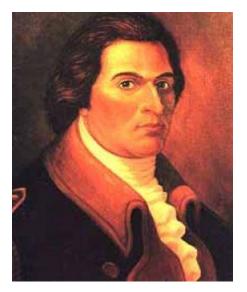
**Bunker Hill & Dorchester Heights** 



## Early Battles (Ticonderoga)

#### May, 1775

- Desperate for supplies, leaders in Boston called for <u>Benedict Arnold</u> and a force of 400 men to New York State...
  - Their objective was to attack
     Fort Ticonderoga. (British Fort)
    - In May, 1775 <u>Arnold</u>
       captured the fort and its
       weapons supply...
      - Arnold didn't even fire a shot!
      - Victory Patriots!
        - Arnold was upset...







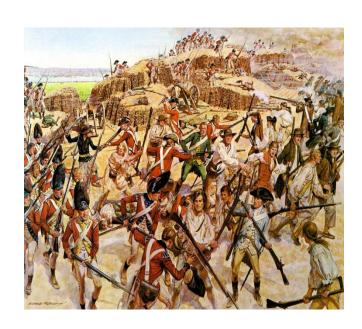
- Meanwhile, poorly supplied <u>Patriots</u>
   kept the <u>Redcoats</u> pinned down at Boston...
- On June 17<sup>th</sup> British forces awoke to a stunning sight...
  - The colonial forces had quietly dug into the hills (Breed's Hill) around Northern Boston...
    - The British would have to fight uphill, as well as cross Boston Harbor...
      - 2,400 *Redcoats* began to advance!



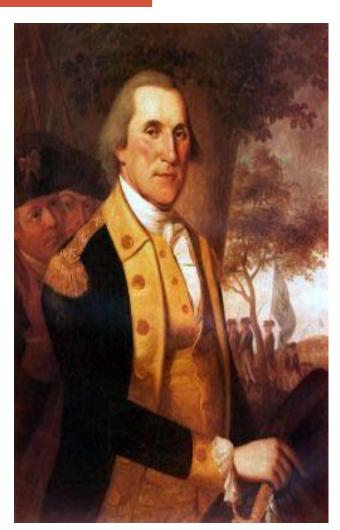


- As 2,400 <u>Redcoats</u> advanced, 1,600
   <u>Patriots</u> waited...
  - Low on gun powder, the commander ordered his troops.
    - "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes..."
      - The <u>Redcoats</u> tried to take the hill 3 times...
        - They failed all three times!
- The conflict is known as the Battle of Bunker Hill...
  - The <u>Patriots</u> eventually had to retreat because of lack of ammunition, but they proved they could take on the <u>Redcoats</u>...

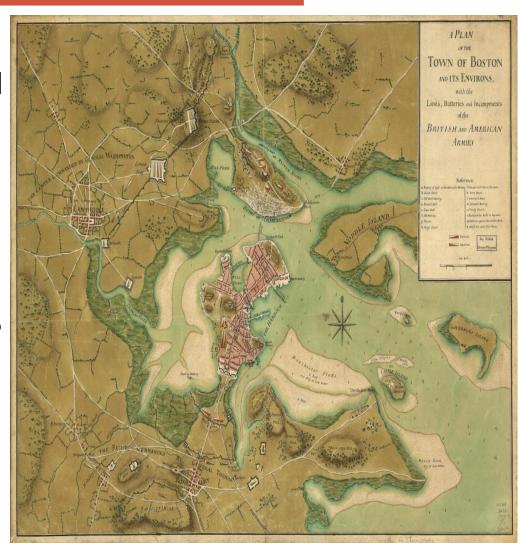




- Shortly after the Battle of Bunker Hill,
   General Washington arrived in Boston to command the Continental Army...
  - General Washington, low on supplies, ordered that the weapons from Fort Ticonderoga be moved to Boston... (300 Canons) General Knox...
    - On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776 <u>General</u>
       <u>Washington</u> moved his army to
       <u>Dorchester Heights...</u>
      - This was another area that overlooked Boston...



- The British were shocked to see <u>General Washington</u> and the Continental Army positioned above Boston on <u>Nook's Hill...</u>
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1776 British General William Howe commanded his army to retreat from Boston into Canada...
    - The birth place of the rebellion was now in the <u>PATRIOTS</u> hands!!!



## It's too late to apologize...

# What is 'Common Sense'?

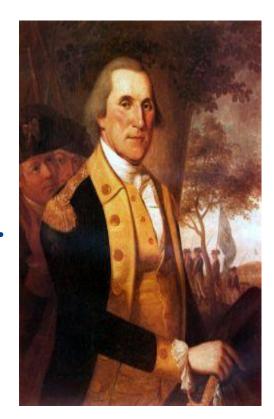
Who wrote it...

## Assignment

#### Interviewing

#### George Washington...

- \* Imagine you have the chance to interview George Washington after the early battles at Boston, Mass...
- \* Come up with 3 questions you would ask him...
  - \* Once you have came up with 3 questions answer them with the answers you think George Washington would have given...



# What is 'Common Sense'?

Who wrote it...

## Common Sense

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Who was Thomas Paine and what particular impact did he have on the American Revolution?

What are the main ideas of Thomas Paine's Common Sense and how did they influence the people in England's 13 North American colonies?



# Common Sense

Do you have any...

# Common Sense

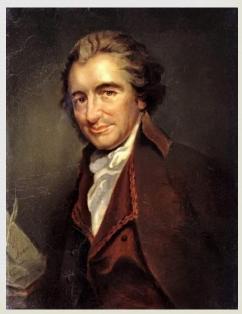
# Get Some!

#### Paine's Common Sense

"There is something very absurd in supporting a continent to be perpetually governed by an island."



- What does this mean...
  - This argument appeared in the pamphlet known as Common Sense, a 47 page pamphlet released in January 1776...
    - Author Thomas Paine
      - Thomas Paine argued that citizens should be able to make their own laws...
        - 500,000 copies would be made!



### Independence is Declared

- Many colonial leaders and patriots agreed with this pamphlet...
  - In June 1776 the <u>Continental</u>

    <u>Congress</u> formed a committee to write a document declaring the colonies independence...
    - The committee also created a seal for the new country "E pluribus unum" or "out of many, one"
      - This motto recognized the new union of states...





### Reading the Declaration...

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What three things did the Declaration of Independence address?

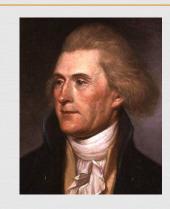
Who was the author?

# Independence is DECLARED!

### Gov't Philosophy



The <u>Declaration of Independence</u> formally announced the colonies' break from Great Britain...



- Author: Thomas Jefferson
  - - All People posses unalienable rights, including rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."
    - ≪ King George III had violated the colonist rights...

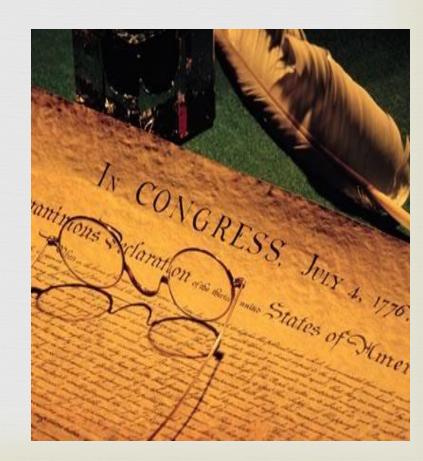
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      - Rringing the British army to the colonies...
    - Colonies had the right to break away from Great Britain...

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### Gov't Philosophy

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- Thomas Jefferson accused King George III of breaking the Social Contract Theory between the King and the People...
  - He maintained that government and rulers must protect the rights of their citizens...
- - This broke ties with the British crown....



### Choosing Sides

- The signing of the <u>Declaration of</u>

  Independence made the rebellion a full-scale revolt again Great Britain...
  - Those who supported the war were now known as traitors... (Patriots)
  - Those who chose to side with the British were known as, loyalist...
    - 40-45 % of Americans were Patriots
    - - - ⊗ Benjamin Franklin & Son
        - Some loyalist fled...





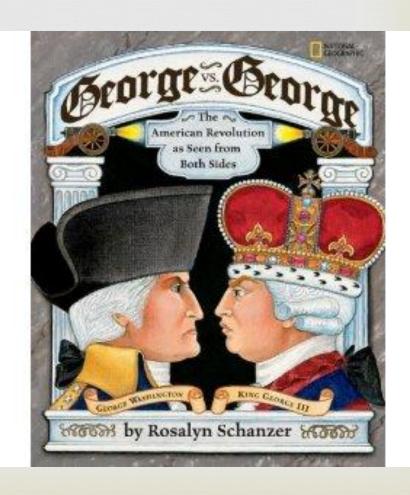
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### Declaration of Independence

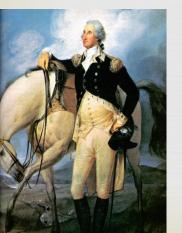
# It's too late to apologize...

### The Struggle for Liberty...

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A lot has happened so far in the fight/struggle for freedom...

Which side would you have taken?



Patriots or Loyalist WHY...



### Supporting the War Effort...

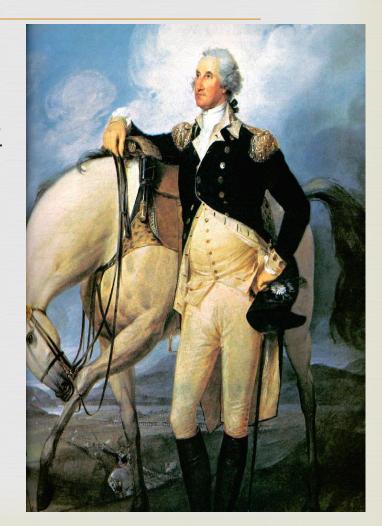
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#### **General George Washington**

- General Washington's chief task as

  Commander of the Continental Army
  was to raise troops...
  - Ouring the war 375,000 men from all the colonies would serve...
- **What the Continental Army offered!** 
  - CS Low pay!
  - **4** Harsh Conditions!
  - **3** HUGE chance of dying!

#### Why join?



### Supporting the War Effort...

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#### **Continental Congress**

- The <u>Continental Congress</u> required states to supply soldiers...
  - Men who could afford it often paid others, such as slaves of apprentices to fight in their place...
    - Roor men would fight a Rich mans war...
  - African-American played a large role in the Revolution...
    - Patriots and Redcoats were offered freedom after service...



Women?

### Supporting the War Effort...

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#### **Women**

Many women played important roles throughout the Revolutionary War...

#### Support!

- Mary Ludwig Hays 'Molly Pitcher'
  - She would bring water to the troops.
  - She also would help soldiers reload and fire cannons...

#### □ Deborah Sampson

She dressed as a man and fought along side of her fellow male **Patriots** in battle...



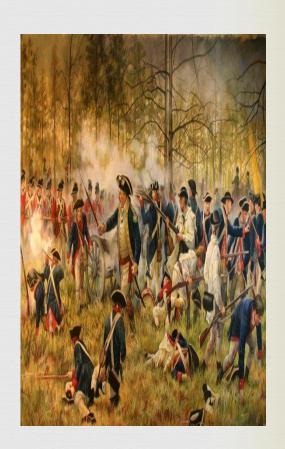


### Defeats and Victories



- As the Revolution began to grow, it became more deadly...
  - At first the Continental Army and Militia had a brief period of success
    - Battle of Concord, Battle of Bunker Hill, and Dorchester Heights... Massachusetts
      - Why did they have this success?

This would be a brief period success, it will take several years for the Continental Army to have this type of success again...



### RevWar Project

#### What happened in the war...

- \* Students will have to create a project over the American Revolution.
  - \* Important dates, battles, and events/people that occurred throughout the Revolutionary War must be INCLUDED!
    - \* Your project must have at least 20 events/people!
- \* With each event/person state who was the winner/loser, and a brief description about what happened...
  - \* If listing and important person in the war list there accomplishments or influence in the war!
- \* The question is... What are you going to create?

### Questions? (No Partners)

20 Points – Due Next Thursday

### **GUIDELINES**

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#### THE ONLY GUIDELINE...

Be Creative... (You'll be sharing in class!)
COME UP WITH SOMETHING ORGININAL

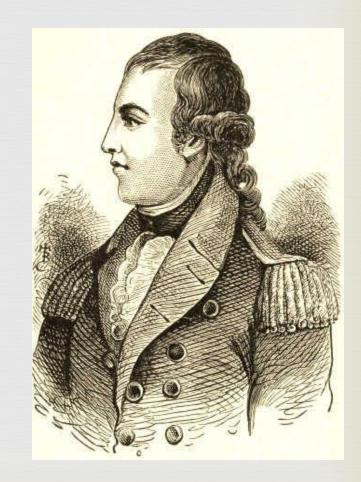
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You can find a list of ideas on the webpage!

### Canada Campaigns

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- After success in Boston, and seeing the British (Redcoats) retreat to Quebec the Massachusetts Militia decided to go on the offensive...
  - What problems did the patriots experience in Boston?Lack of supplies...
- The Massachusetts Militia felt confident that it could make Canada the 14<sup>th</sup> Colony....



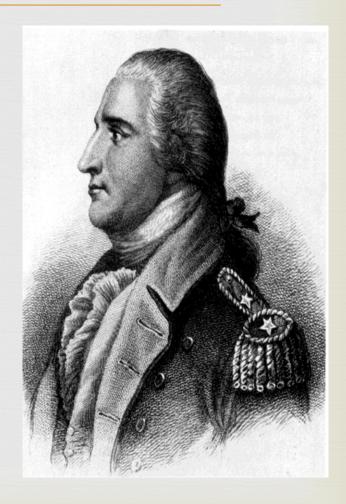
### Canada Campaigns

#### 03

#### November, 1775

- Montgomery captured Montreal...
  - The next major target would be Quebec

    This was a major British stronghold!
- General Benedict Arnold led the patriots through the backcountry of Maine...
  - General Arnold would meet with General Montgomery to plan the attack...
    - They attack on New Years Eve 1775 during a large blizzard.
      - The patriots were crushed and suffered huge casualties...

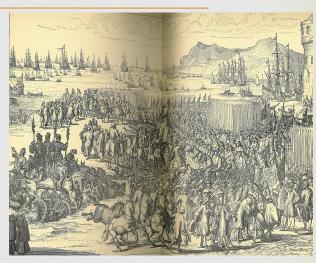


### Battle for New York

#### 03

#### June, 1776

- New York City was to become the next battle ground...
  - General Washington moved his 23,000 troops there anticipating an attack...
    - ships arrived in New York Bay led by General William Howe.
- General Howe had 32,000 well trained and equipped soldiers.





### Battle for New York

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- In a series of battles, General
  Howe pounded the Continental
  Army forcing a retreat, farther and
  father...
  - The Redcoats captured patriots as well as their supplies...
    - Nathan Hale "One Life"
    - Washington back across the Hudson River into New Jersey...
- General Howe saw this as his redemption for Boston!



# New Jersey

#### November, 1776

- The tattered Continental Army was on the run, holding out in New Jersey...
  - General Washington had only 6,000 men remaining...
    - Their contracts would end on December 31st...

Would you want to rejoin?





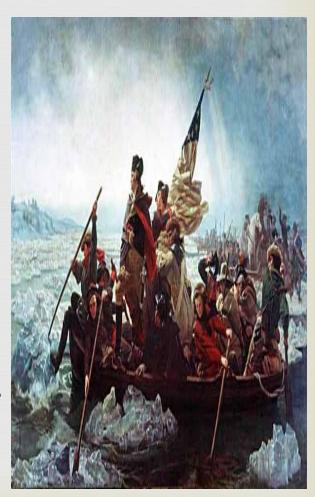
## New Jersey

Thinking the rebellion would be over soon General Howe left New Jersey (their landing point) in the hands of mercenary

soldiers...

These soldiers were from the German state of Hesse... Hessians

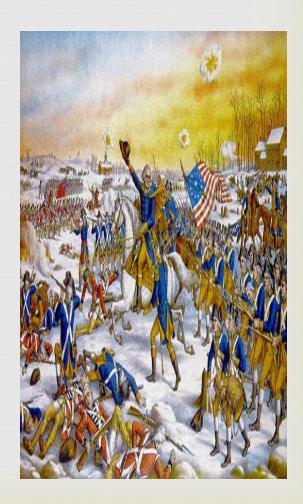
- General Howe was going to chase after the Continental Army...
- On December, 7<sup>th</sup> (1776) General
  Washington had to retreat again, this time
  crossing the Delaware River into
  Pennsylvania with only 3,000 soldiers...



### Battle of Trenton



- General Washington knew he would soon lose his army, so he decided to take a risk!
  - General Washington was going to attack the Hessians at Trenton.
    - On Christmas night, 1776, during a winter storm General Washington and 2,400 soldiers crossed the Delaware River...
      - They attacked at dawn while the Hessians were still asleep...
        - The patriots would take an amazing victory capturing 900 Hessians...
  - ☑ Battle of Princeton (January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1777)
    - General Cornwallis attempt to crush General Washington...



# Saratoga

- The two quick defeats at Trenton and Princeton stunned the British...
  - Spring, 1777 they wanted victory!
- British General John Burgoyne decided to push through New York State and cut off New England from the other colonies...
  - 🗷 But he would have to time it perfectly...
    - General Howe recently left New York to take Philadelphia...
      - General Burgoyne left from Canada swiftly taking Fort Ticonderoga back from the patriots and headed towards New York City...
        - This is were he would run into trouble...



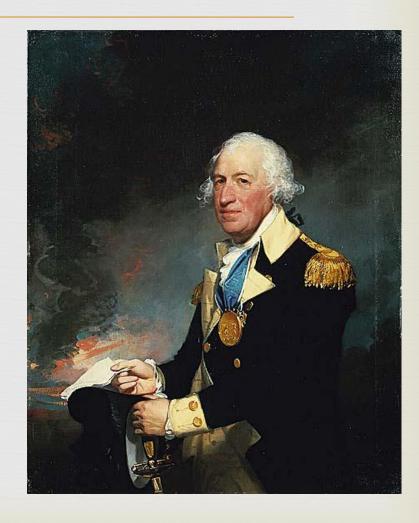


### Battle of Saratoga

- General Burgoyne's army would face several obstacles set by the patriots...
  - Before General Burgoyne knew it he was surrounded...
    - October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1777 General Horatio Gates had surrounded the British Army...
      - The Battle of Saratoga would follow, this would be the turning point in the Revolutionary War...

The patriots were victories over the British!

(This would begin to open the eyes of Great Britain and the World...)



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### The Struggle for liberty...

### Help from Europe

- The French and Indian War drastically changed the balance of power in North America...
  - The French and Spanish had lost a large expanse of valuable land to the British...
    - Roth countries were delighted to see their powerful rival experiencing trouble in it's American colonies!
      - opportunity to bring down Great Britain without actually fighting them...



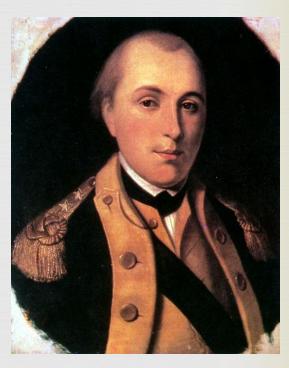


North America after the Treaty of Paris,

# Marquis de Lafayette

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- "The welfare if America is closely bound up with the welfare of mankind..."
  - Marquis de Lafayette, a young Frenchman who was inspired by the ideas of the Revolution...
    - de Lafayette bought his own ship and arrived in America in 1777.
      - He brought with him a group of well-trained soldiers and volunteered to serve in the Continental Army without pay...
      - He quickly became a skilled commander, earning the title of major general...
        - Rewould lead 2,000 patriots into battle...
        - He also donated \$200,000 to the America's cause...

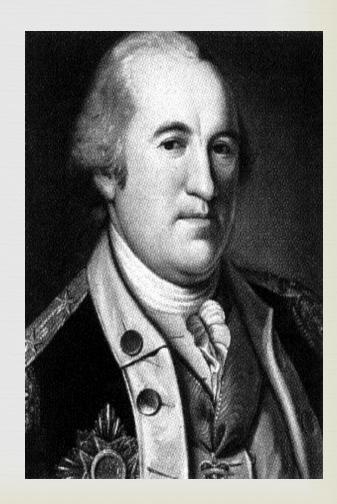


#### Baron Friedrich von Steuben



#### February, 1778

- Baron Friedrich von Steuben arrived to serve under General Washington...
  - von Steuben was an experienced military officer from Prussia...
    - Color Led with respect and fear from his men...
- von Steuben's major task was to train the Continental Army...
  - He would began a rigorous training program for the Continental Army allowing them to compete with the 'Redcoats' on the battlefield...



#### Help from France!

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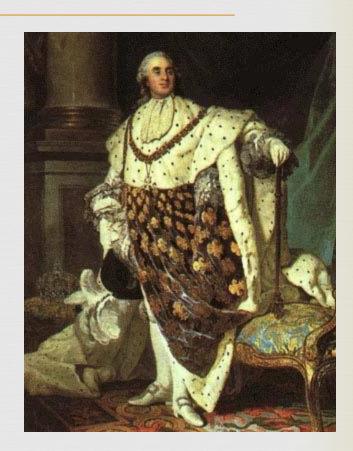
#### King Louis XVI

- The battle of Saratoga persuaded King Louis XVI that the colonist could win the Revolutionary War...
  - May 1778 Continental Congress created/signed a treaty with France...

France would give the colonies:

- **™** Supplies
- **Ammunition**
- **○** Ships
- **Soldiers**





# Help from Spain!

#### 03

#### Bernardo de Galvez

- The governor of Spanish
  Louisiana Bernardo de Galvez
  became a key ally to the
  patriots...
  - Supplied a army of Spanish soldiers
    - The helped seize British posts and forts from Louisiana to Florida...



# John Paul Jones

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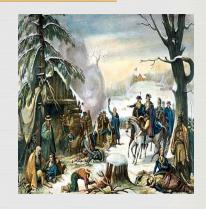
#### Winter at Valley Forge

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#### CR December, 1777

- General Washington settled into Valley Forge with 12,000 soldiers...
- Enemy Brutal Winter
  - There were no battles fought at Valley Forge, but when it is thought about it bring to the mind...
- What was it like?
  - Shin-Deep Snow

  - No Shirts or Shoes
  - No Food...



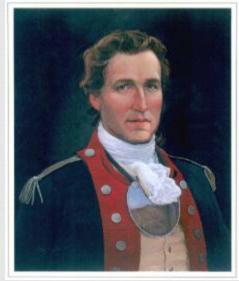


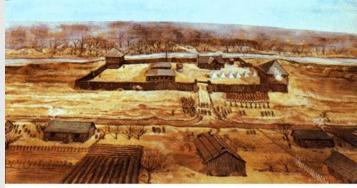
# SNACK?

# War in the West



- Most of the land west of the Appalachian Mts. Was controlled by Native Americans...
  - ⊗ Both the British and Patriots tried to get their help...
  - George Rogers Clark would become the patriot leader in the West...
    - Once a surveyor along the Ohio and Kentucky River, he knew the land well...
      - George Rogers Clark decided to create an army of **Mountain Men**, 150 man Army...
        - His army marked around the west attack British Forts...
        - **FORT SACKVILLE**, Vincennes-Indiana





Fort Sackville

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#### **Revolutionary War**

**SNorth?** 

**East?** 

**West?** 

**Sea?** 

**South?** 



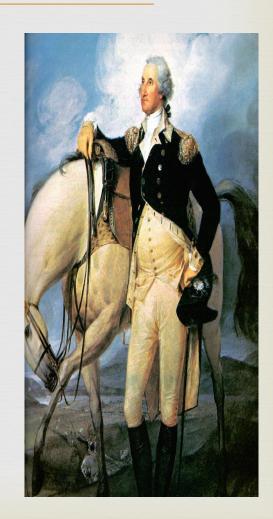
# Evaluation



# In early 1781 the war was going badly for the patriots...

- CS Low on supplies...
- ☑ Low on money...
- Low on ally support...
- South, Philadelphia, and New York City...
- 🗠 Patriot General Benedict Arnold turned traitor...

How is the war going for the Colonies...



# Independence?

# Whats going on!

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- The war across the ocean was not going the way the British gov't in London had planned...
  - 1 The northern colonies, with their ragged, scrappy fighters, proved to be to tough for the British...
    - The British decided to switch their strategies and set their sights on the South...
- The British hoped to find support from the large loyalist population in Georgia, Carolina's and Virginia...
  - As they moved through the south they planned to free enslaved Africans and enlist them in the army...



General Henry Clinton

# War in the South

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Fighting in the South was particularly brutal...

The South put patriots and loyalist directly against one another...

The British also destroyed crops, animals, and property as the marched through the South...

refused to take prisoners, killing those who tried to surrender...





## War in the South

#### 03

- Georgia, the last colony to join the Revolution, was the first one to fall to the British...
  - 3,500 Redcoats took the colony under their control!
    - Their next major target was Charleston, South Carolina...



- 1780, General Clinton landed a force of 14,000 Redcoats in South Carolina...
  - The British took South Carolina and 5,400 patriot soldiers as prisoners...



# A Failed Attack..

#### 03

#### August, 1780

- Patriot forces led by Horatio Gates tried to drive the British out of Camden, S.C.
  - Poor timing and lack of troops led too..

The British were now in control in the South...



# Guerrilla Warfare

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The Southern patriots saw that they were losing the battle in the South so they had to try something new...

#### **Guerilla Warfare**

Swift hit-and-run tactics...

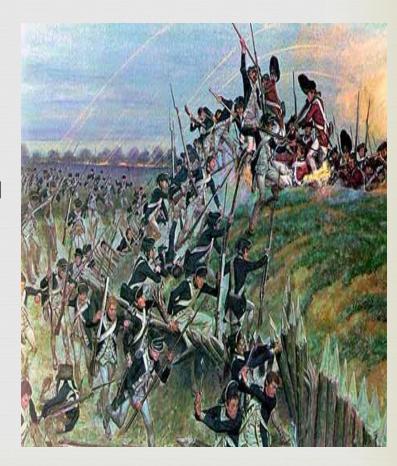
Representation of the Patriot: Movie



# Battle of Yorktown

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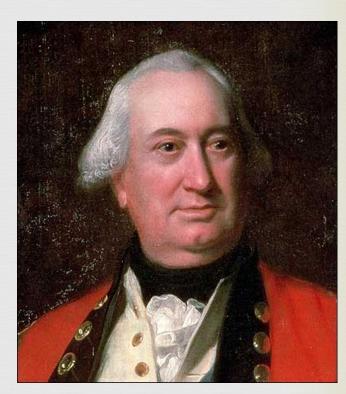
- In early 1781 the war was going badly for the patriots...
  - They were low on money, soldiers, and supplies...
    - The help of the foreign allies had not brought the war to end like they assumed it would...
      - The British held most of the South, plus Philadelphia, and New York City.
        - Morale was low...
- Patriot General Nathanael Greene began a campaign using 'Guerilla Warfare' against British General Cornwallis...



# Battle of Yorktown



- General Cornwallis moved his 7,200 troops along the coastline to keep communications with his ships...
  - General Washington, in New York, saw a chance to trap the British General at Yorktown...
    - General Washington order General de Lafayette to block all exits from the city...
      - General Washington then combined his 2,500 troops with 4,000 French troops led by Comte de Rochambeau...



## Battle of Yorktown

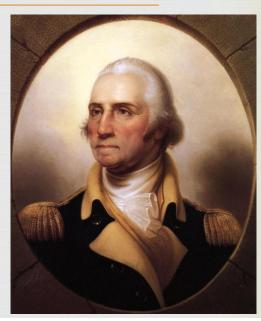
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General Washington led the French-American forces on a swift march to Virginia to cut off any other escape routes...

Cornwallis with 16,000 soldiers...

Mean while the French navy prevented British naval ships from rescuing General Cornwallis...

General Washington would begin a siege on the city, wearing down the British forces...





# Independence!

- Reading near-certain defeat, on October 19th, 1781, General Cornwallis sent a drummer and a soldier with a white flag of surrender...
  - The patriots took some 8,000 British soldiers prisoners...
    - This was the largest British army in America...
- The Battle of Yorktown was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War...



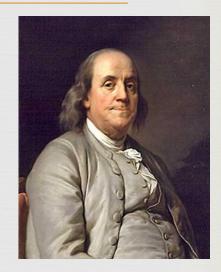


"It's all over..." - Prime Minister Lord North

# FREEDOM!

#### 03

- After Yorktown, only a few small battles took place...
  - CS Lacking money to pay for a new army, Great Britain entered into peace talks with America...
    - Renjamin Franklin was the key negotiator...
- © Delegates took more than 2 years to come to terms...
  - In the <u>Treaty of Paris of 1783</u>, Great Britain recognized the independence of the United States...
    - New borders were established in the United States...







# Timeline Project

#### Battle Strategies and Outcomes...

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