

The American Revolution



Rewrite = rewrite the sentence to make correct

Complete = write the correct answer that completes the idea

Vocab = define the word, using the context

Revise = rewrite the sentence with simpler grammar

Opinion = give your own opinion



= complete the interactive notebook entry

The Revolutionary War between the British and Americans started with a skirmish (small battle). The skirmish was between the American militia and the British Redcoats. The militia was called the minutemen, because they could get ready in a minute. This took place at Lexington and Concord, which are two towns in Massachusetts. Even though this happened before the Declaration of Independence, Lexington and Concord is considered the first battle of the American Revolution!



The American Revolution expanded. The British sent huge ships filled with redcoats, cannons, and muskets. They took over and occupied the major American cities.

The Americans were underdogs in this war. They had little money and weapons. They didn't even have 100 percent support of their countrymen.



←underdogs

Americans were divided into Patriots, Tories, and Neutrals. Patriots supported the Revolution. Tories supported the King. Neutrals didn't take sides.

The Tories believed the taxes were justified. They supported the King and wanted to stay English.

The Patriots read Thomas Paine. They didn't believe taxation without representation was fair. They were willing to die for it.

Patrick Henry was a patriot. He said: "Give me Liberty or Give me Death!"

The redcoats dominated many of the early battles. The Americans had to fight guerrilla-style, which means ambushing. There were very tough times, like at Valley Forge, where General George Washington had to survive a very tough winter. Oh, by the way, the General of the American “Continental” army was George Washington, the future president. His bravery and strong leadership during tough times kept the Americans hopeful.



Redcoats



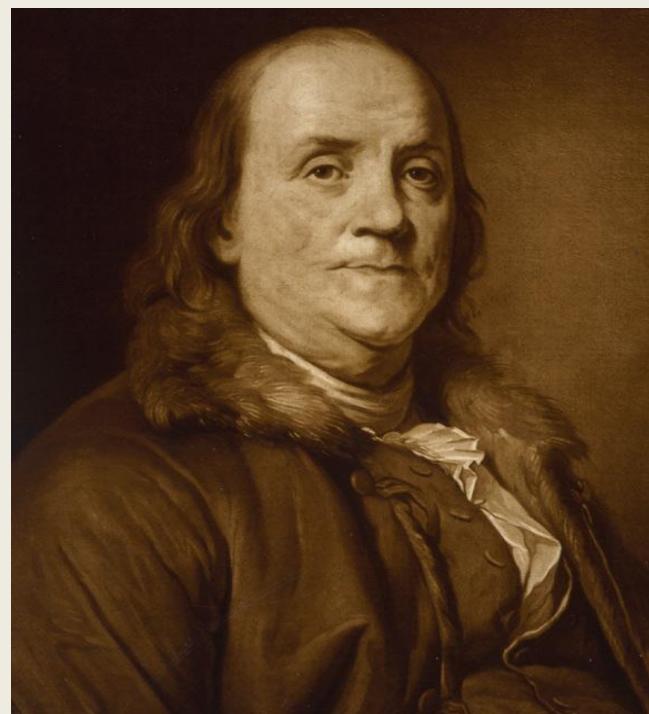


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WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE AT VALLEY FORGE

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Another famous name needs to be mentioned now. Benjamin Franklin was in France during the Revolutionary War. He wanted to get the help of England's biggest enemy, France. He wanted France to send their army to help the Americans.



Benjamin Franklin was America's great diplomat; George Washington was America's great general.

The turning point of the war was at the Battle of Saratoga. This battle is the one that changed the momentum of the war. America started to look like it would win. Saratoga was a turning point; this means that before Saratoga, America was losing, but after, America was winning. It also convinced the French to send money, soldiers, weapons, and ships.

The Americans won the war. It took many years, but the British gave up. They were tired of fighting the Americans (with French help). The final battle was called Yorktown. At this final battle of Yorktown the British surrendered. They played a song called “The World Turned Upside Down” because the mighty British had been defeated.



How did America win the Revolutionary War?

- The first reason is that George Washington was a great general. He was the leader of the army and the people had faith in him. NEVER underestimate a good leader!
- The second reason is diplomacy. The Americans got the enemies of the England to join them. France joined America, after some time. They used their navy to blockade the British at Yorktown. The diplomatic hero was Benjamin Franklin. He went to France and convinced them to join us.
- The final reason is the British didn't care so much. They had a new colony called India. They could afford to lose America. Now America wasn't a colony. But it wasn't yet a country. They had to decide on a government.

Complete

The first battle of the Revolutionary War was _____. This battle actually happens before the signing of the _____, which formally separates the USA and Great Britain. The Americans are _____ in the war, which means they have a smaller army and don't have a good chance to win. They lose many battles until the turning point of the war, which is the _____. After this battle, the country of _____ decides to help the Americans. They help them with money and weapons. The Americans win the war at the siege of _____. The British surrender.

The Americans win the war because of good leadership by _____, who later becomes president. They also succeed because of the diplomatic efforts of the man called _____.

The Americans are divided into three groups: the _____, the _____, and the _____. But at the end of the war, they are all united under a new government, which they have to form.

Complete

1. The first battle of the Revolutionary War is...
2. The turning point battle is...
3. The final battle of the Revolutionary War is...
4. General George Washington is important because...
5. Benjamin Franklin is important because...
6. People who support the war because of unfair taxes and other reasons are...
7. People who side with the King of England are called...
8. Many people didn't take a side; they are called...
9. One reason America won the Revolution is...
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