**The American Revolution Begins and Ends**

“No Taxation without Representation”:

Sons of Liberty:

Daughters of Liberty:

Thomas Paine and *Common Sense*:

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| Declaration of Independence | * On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress voted unanimously that the American Colonies were free and they adopted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The Colonists had declared their independence– they would now have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| Taking Sides | * Colonists divided between\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Many African Americans fought for the colonists while some fought for Britain since they were promised their freedom
* Native Americans supported the British because they viewed colonies as a bigger threat to their land
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| Will it Last? | * After Colonist declared independence , few thought that the rebellion would last.
* A divided colonial population vs. a worldwide empire.
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| Strengths and Weaknesses | America Britain |
| Defeat in New York | * Wanted to stop rebellion by isolating New England, so British sail into New York Harbor
* British come in with 32,000 versus Americans 23,000
* Ended in late August with an American retreat because of heavy losses (Quote pg. 114)
* By late fall, the British had pushed Washington’s men across the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Vast majority of men had deserted, been captured or killed
* Less than 8,000 men left!!!
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| More Battles | * Christmas Eve- Washington led 2400 men across the ice filled Delaware River
* Marched nine miles through snow and reached **Trenton**, New Jersey.
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| Saratoga and a TURNING POINT! | * British General John Burgoyne “Gentleman Johnny” wanted to meet General Howe in Albany
* 7,000 soldiers and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* American General Horatio Gates assembled his troops and was able to cause high causalities every time he clashed with Burgoyne
* Howe was preoccupied with “Taking” Philadelphia and never meet up.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and on 10/17/1777 they surrendered.
* Changed British military strategy. **STAY BY THE COAST!!**
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| A Secret Alliance | * France was still bitter about losing in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Secretly been sending Patriots weapons since 1776
* Victory at Saratoga boosted French confidence in America
* Signed a treaty with America in 1778 saying they would not make peace with Britain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
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| A winter at Valley Forge | * While awaiting the French help to arrive, the British occupied New York while the Americans occupied Philadelphia.
* Washington and the Continental Army struggled to stay alive with the bitter cold and primitive conditions of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.
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* More than 2,000 of 10,000 died. (pg. 116)
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| Winning the War | * With French military leader Marquis de Lafayette’s help, Colonial troops became effective fighters
* “to make regular soldiers out of country bumpkins”
* May 1780, British troops successfully take Charles Town, S.C. Took 5,500 POWs.
* However, it was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ British as General Cornwallis finally surrendered at Yorktown, Va. on October 18, 1781
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| British Surrender at Yorktown | * Goal- Surround General Cornwallis and British troops.
* 1- French naval force defeated a British fleet and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 2-17,000 French and Americans surrounded British on the Yorktown Peninsula.
* 3- bombarded them day and nt for three weeks
* 4- with troops outnumber 2 to 1 and exhausted by constant shelling, Cornwallis finally raised white flag to surrender!
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| Treaty of Paris | * \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* American negotiating team included John Jay, John Adams, and Ben Franklin
* Treaty signed in September of 1783 and officially recognized the independence of the United States and set boundaries (East Coast to Mississippi River and Canada to Florida)
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| The Next Step | * Possible problems: NO timeline on when British would evacuate America, Americans agreed to pay back debt to the British, Loyalists could sue for property lost in war and no mention of Native American treaties or land agreements
* -Challenge of creating a new gov’t
* 1- Who should participate?
* 2- Represent the people?
* 3- opposing groups all have a voice?
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