

American Revolution Study Guide

Be sure you are able to answer the following questions for your test:

- ✗ Be able to identify the significance of and what was including in each of the following battles and events:

Saratoga The turning point in the American Revolution, convinced France to become allies to the United States

Lexington & Concord First battle of the American Revolution

Serapis vs. Bonhomme Richard John Paul Jones took on a much larger British ship, forcing the British to surrender despite the fact that Jones' ship was sinking Yorktown the final battle of the American Revolution, Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British army to Washington after getting trapped at the end of the peninsula Trenton a much needed win to boost the morale of the American Army after crossing the Delaware River.

Cowpens Morgan defeated the British in the south using unconventional methods, also began the march to Yorktown

Bunker Hill the first major battle of the American Revolution, Americans lost but showed that they were determined

Treaty of Paris 1783 ended the American Revolution, Britain recognized the United States as an independent nation, set the borders of the US, gave Spain back Florida, and the Patriots agreed to repay loyalists for damaged or destroyed property

Olive Branch Petition an attempt after Lexington and Concord to make peace with King George III by blaming all of the problems on Parliament. King George III was furious and sent more troops

Valley Forge a winter camp for the Continental Army, there were very little supplies, many died of disease, starvation, and exposure to the elements. Women in the area collected supplies and delivered them to the soldiers. French soldiers helped to train the army to defeat the British Common Sense A pamphlet written by Thomas Paine to encourage the colonist to declare independence from Great Britain

- ✗ Be able to identify the roles these people played in the American Revolution: George Washington - commander of the continental army

Benjamin Franklin - member of the committee to write the Declaration of Independence and served as a diplomat to France. He helped to convince the French to ally themselves to the Americans

Abigail Adams- encouraged her husband to remember the Ladies when creating the new government

Thomas Jefferson- wrote the Declaration of Independence

Thomas Paine- wrote Common Sense and the Crisis

John Paul Jones- earned the status of hero when he managed to get a British Warship to surrender despite his ship sinking

Patriot - a person who favored war against Britain

Loyalist - a person who supported the King and Parliament

- ✗ What role did the French and Indian War play in the American Revolution? The French and Indian War created the debt that led to all the taxes that angered the colonist that led them to declare their independence
- ✗ What crime were the signers of the Declaration of Independence committing? treason
- ✗ Name the main ideas of the Declaration of Independence. Natural Rights, British Wrongs, Independence
- ✗ Be able to explain the advantages and disadvantages of the Patriots and the British.

	Advantage	Disadvantage
Patriot	Leadership Fighting to protect homes & families. Skill with their own weapons. They are familiar with the geography	Were not willing to enlist for long periods. No navy. Low on supplies
British	Well Trained Army Powerful Navy Plenty of supplies	Not familiar with the geography Not fighting to protect families & homes. Far from Great Britain.

- ✗ Define unalienable rights. Rights that cannot be taken away from a person
- ✗ Why were the colonists able to win the American Revolution? Good leadership, European Allies, British were forced to fight a spread out enemy, the British were far away from Great Britain, and Americans were familiar with the geography.