

The American Revolution



The American Revolution, which unfolded between 1775 and 1783, is a pivotal chapter in world history. It was a time when the Thirteen Colonies, weary of British rule and inspired by ideas of liberty and self-governance, rose in rebellion and forged a

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Trade Restrictions: The Navigation Acts and other trade regulations limited the economic prosperity of the colonies, restricting their ability to engage in free trade with other nations.

Intolerable Acts: In response to the Boston Tea Party, the British Parliament passed the Coercive Acts (Intolerable Acts), which aimed to quell colonial resistance by restricting self-governance in Massachusetts.

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Ideas of Enlightenment: The Enlightenment ideas of individual rights, liberty, and the social contract greatly influenced American thinkers like Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin, who advocated for independence.

Key Events of the American Revolution

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Saratoga in 1777 was a turning point, as it persuaded France to enter the war on the side of the Americans, providing crucial support.

Siege of Yorktown: The war concluded with the Siege of Yorktown in 1781, where American and French forces defeated the British under General Cornwallis, leading to the surrender of British troops.

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Key Figures of the American Revolution

George Washington: As the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, Washington was instrumental in boosting the morale and perseverance of the American troops.

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The American Revolution reverberated far beyond the Thirteen Colonies. It had the following major impacts.

Inspired Global Movements: The revolution's principles of liberty and self-determination inspired independence movements worldwide, including the French Revolution.

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Established the United States: The Treaty of Paris in 1783 recognized the United States as an independent nation, setting the stage for the creation of a democratic republic.

Influenced Constitutional Development: The revolution influenced the

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1) When did the American Revolution take place?

2) What were some of the causes of the American Revolution?

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5) Who served as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolution?

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- 6) What document proclaimed the independence of the American Colonies from Britain?
- A) The Treaty of Paris
 - B) The Bill of Rights
 - C) The Declaration of Independence

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- 7) Which European country provided significant military and financial support to the American cause during the revolution?
- A) Spain
 - B) The Netherlands
 - C) Germany
 - D) France

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9) Write T if the statements are true and F if they are false.

A) The American Revolution began with the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775. _____

B) The Declaration of Independence was primarily authored by John Adams. _____

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A)

B) **Cause:**

Effect: Inspired American thinkers like Thomas Jefferson and John Adams

to advocate for independence and influenced the drafting of the

Declaration of Independence

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C) **Cause:** The victory at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777

Effect:

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