

American Revolution Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example/ Illustration	Word	Definition	Example/ Illustration
act	<i>a formal decision or law made by the ruler or legislative group</i>		declaration	<i>formally or confidently stating something aloud or in a document</i>	
alliance	<i>A formal agreement among groups or individuals</i>		independence	<i>freedom from the control or support of others</i>	
benefit	<i>a good or helpful result or effect</i>		loyalist	<i>colonist who supported the British king, also called Tory</i>	
boycott	<i>To refuse to buy or use goods or services</i>		militia	<i>A group of temporary soldiers that fight in emergency situations; not professional soldiers</i>	
debt	<i>something that is owed</i>		minutemen	<i>colonial militia men who were ready to fight at a minute's notice</i>	

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natural rights	<i>a right considered to be given by natural law such as life & liberty</i>		revolution	<i>A sudden, complete change</i>	
patriot	<i>A colonist who was against British rule and supported the rebel cause in the American colonies</i>		slogan	<i>a word or phrase used by a group of people to attract attention</i>	
proclamation	<i>An official public announcement</i>		tax	<i>money demanded by a government for its support or for specific facilities or services</i>	
protest	<i>To work against or object to a certain policy</i>		tyranny	<i>act or pattern of harsh, cruel, and unfair control over other people; government in which all power is in the hands of one person</i>	
repeal	<i>To cancel or undo a law</i>				

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