

The Road to the American Revolution

EVENT	WHAT WAS IT?	WHAT EFFECT DID IT HAVE?
French and Indian War	Britain and France fighting over control of the Ohio River Valley; Most American Indians fought on the French side against the Colonists and British	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Britain & Colonists Won 2. Created a War Debt 3. Taxes to pay for debt
Stamp Act	Tax on use of paper – was one of many taxes parliament created	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colonists protest, “No Taxation without Representation.” 2. Sons of Liberty attacked tax collectors; 3. Daughters of Liberty made own cloth 4. King repeals act.
Boston Massacre	Soldiers sent to control a snowball throwing group;	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some colonists killed 2. British soldiers portrayed as killers 3. Committees of Correspondence formed 4. Colonists Unite!
Boston Tea Party	Colonists dressed as Mohawk Indians dumped tea into the Boston Harbor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British tea merchants lost lots of \$ 2. Boston Harbor closed 3. Colonists unite!

Major Battles/Events of the American Revolution

EVENT	WHAT WAS IT?	HOW DID IT LEAD TO AMERICAN VICTORY?
Battles of Lexington and Concord	April, 1775 Start of Revolution; British trying to get weapons and ammunition; "Shot Heard Round the World"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British didn't know the lay of the land 2. British not near supplies 3. Colonists hid and fired from cover
Bunker Hill	June, 1775 Fought on Breed's and Bunker Hills "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British captured the hills; 2. Americans killed 1,100 British 3. Gave Colonists hope
Saratoga	Turning point/Climax of War; 2 battles; took a long time for British to move supplies;	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colonists had time to gather 2. Franklin used this win to convince France to help 3. Benedict Arnold didn't get enough credit and switched sides
Trenton	Christmas Night, 1776, Washington Crossed the Delaware River and surprised the Hessians	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Darkness made it harder to see 2. Surprising after the holiday 3. Surrounded the British
Valley Forge	Winter 1777-1778; Cold, food low, no or poor condition shoes, diseases, worst time for Americans during war	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trust for Washington grew 2. Training opportunity
Yorktown	Last major battle of War; the siege lasted about 20 days; Washington led the battle; Cornwallis surrendered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. British surrounded on a peninsula 2. France came to help (troops and ships) 3. The coastal plain difficult to navigate if you didn't know the area

