The American Revolution

Study Guide

**Know the following vocabulary:**

Grievance

Patriot

Loyalist

enlist

preamble

public opinion

**Short Answer:**

**What important people signed the Declaration of Independence? Who signed it first?**

Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Ben Franklin – John Hancock signed first

**Washington was the leader of the** Patriots (Continental Army)

**The colonists were angry over taxes on what? (Name at least 3 things)**

Stamps, Sugar, Tea, Paper

**What role did women play during the revolution? (Name at least 3)**

Cooked, Farmed, Sewed, Battled, Nursed

**What was the role of African Americans/Native Americans during the revolution? (Name at least 3)**

Fought for freedom, joined in the army, battled for both sides, hoped to regain land

**What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? When was it official?**

To gain independence and freedom from Great Britain and King George III.

July 4th, 1776

**What were the results of the revolution? (Name at least 3)**

The United States become its own country

The Patriots defeated the British

The British moved back home or to Canada

**What battle began the American Revolution?**

Battle of Lexington and Concord (Shot heard round the world)

**What caused King George III to tax the colonists?**

French and Indian War

**What was the name of the famous pamphlet from Thomas Paine that changed public opinion to revolt?**

*Common Sense*

**What was the name of the event that caused in an uproar in the Boston after a few colonists were killed after a confrontation with British redcoats?**

The Boston Massacre

**Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence?**

Thomas Jefferson

**What was the significance of the Battle of Saratoga? When did this battle occur?**

It was the turning point in the war – Patriots morale boosted, French and Spanish troops began aiding the Patriots

**What signaled the end of the American Revolution? (hint: not a battle)**

Treaty of Paris

**Did the Patriots win the revolution on their own? If yes/no – explain.**

No – they had a great deal of help from other countries, specifically France and Spain

**What was the final major battle of the American Revolution?**

The Battle of Yorktown

**What were 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses of the Patriots during the war?**

Strengths – they had nothing to lose, they were determined, they knew the lands, they had great leaders (Washington, Sons of Liberty, Thomas Jeffereson, etc.)

Weaknesses – no military training, lack of money, lack of supplies, no real plan at first

**Timeline of Events:**

**Write the date or year of each battle/event and put them in order**

3 Battle of Lexington & Concord - April 19th, 1775

8 Battle of Yorktown – October 19th, 1781

6 Battle of Trenton - December 26th, 1776

4 Battle of Bunker Hill - June 17th, 1775

7 Battle of Saratoga - October 17th, 1777

1 French and Indian War - 1754-1763

5 Declaration of Independence is signed - July 4th, 1776

9 Treaty of Paris ends the war – September 3rd, 1783

2 British Parliament taxes the colonists. - 1764