

The American Revolution 1776- 1783



A Divided Nation

Only 1/3 of the colonists
were in favor of a war
for independence

One third were opposed
to a war for
independence

The final third were
neutral.



Strengths and Weaknesses



Britain




Colonists

- _____
- Confidence
- _____
- Firepower
- Navy
- Distance & _____


- _____
- _____
- French
- Dispersed population
- Size of region
- Local noncombatants


Military Strategies

The Americans

 Wear the British down through _____


[their supplies had to travel a long way].


 _____ tactics [theirs was a defensive war: they don't have to win, just wear the British down]


 Make an alliance with one of Britain's enemies.



The British

 _____

 _____ ports: no goods and supplies from any ally.

 Divide the people: use the _____

to sway public opinion.



Battle of Long Island

August, 1776

Washington's position became weak
he executed a

in small boats
from Brooklyn to Manhattan



New York City in Flames

1776



Battle of Trenton

December, 1776

General Washington moved his troops across the _____ River and back into NY

surprised 1,300 _____ : German soldiers-for-hire
[they were recovering from Christmas Eve festivities]



Washington Crossing the Delaware, Emanuel Leutze, 1851

Battle of _____

January, 1777

British capture Washington's forces in NY

the Patriots escape and attack a British force in _____
then they retreat into the highlands [out of Cornwallis' reach]



Battle of Saratoga

October, 1777

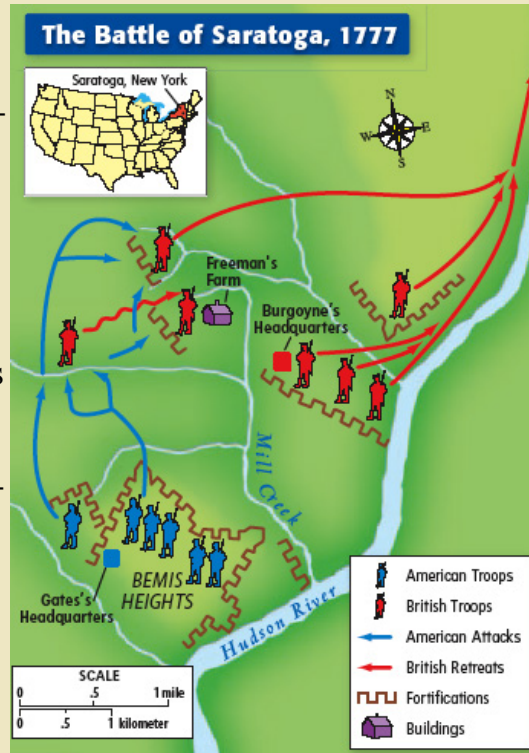
British General _____
moved south from Canada

he and his men were trapped by
American General Horatio

_____ Burgoyne surrendered
_____ British soldiers
were imprisoned in VA

became the _____
of the war:

showed the _____
the Americans could actually win
French _____ with
the Americans



Foreign Involvement

_____ began providing substantial aid to
the colonies after Saratoga

most of the

_____ used by
the Americans came from
France

in 1778 British ships fired on
French vessels
the two countries then

_____ on each other

in 1779 _____ entered the conflict on the side of France
(hoped to _____ taken by Britain in the
Seven Years' War)

in 1780 Britain declared war on the _____
(they had continued to _____ with the Americans)

the combination of fighting all these European powers
was a _____ to Britain than fighting the
Americans alone



Valley Forge

Pennsylvania

bitterly cold winter of 1777-1778

Washington's Continental troops _____ here

lacked adequate _____, _____, and supplies

Washington's _____ held the men together



Battle of Yorktown

September-October, 1781

British General _____ was surrounded

French _____ arrives offshore and bombards them from harbor

Cornwallis _____ (actually sends someone else to do it for him)
signaled end of war



“The World Turned Upside Down”

Cornwallis's Surrender at Yorktown



Painted by John Trumbull, 1797

Women and African Americans

both groups worked as _____, messengers, in the camps, and on the lines

Women

_____ (Mary Hays)

carried water to troops at Battle of Monmouth, NJ, June 28, 1778

took her husband's place when he was injured



African Americans

were given promises of _____

_____ fought for US

South feared _____



Native Americans



most Native Americans who fought in the war fought for the _____

1777 was called “the _____ year” on the frontier because the British paid Indians for Patriot _____

the 4 pro-British tribes of the _____ forfeited most of their _____ in the 1779 Treaty of _____, which they were forced to sign by the Americans

after the war, American soldiers were paid with _____ the so-called “war for liberty and _____” actually took liberty and independence away from the _____

Paris Peace Treaty

the English had been fighting multiple countries in multiple locations they were _____

_____, _____, and John Jay went to _____ as a peace-seeking delegation

they were told to consult with _____ and not make a separate peace with England

Jay secretly contacted London to seek peace the British quickly worked out a deal behind France’s back



the terms of the treaty:

England recognized _____ from the _____ to the Mississippi River

America retained some fishing rights in _____

Congress was to ask the states to treat American _____ fairly and return the land that had been taken from them

(the lands were actually never returned)

North America After the Treaty of Paris, 1783

