

# The Southern Strategy

In 1780 the British took  
Savannah, GA  
and Charles Town  
*(later Charleston, SC).*



This was the worst American defeat of the war

Patriots attacked the British by surprise and disappeared.  
Francis Marion, the quick and smart “Swamp Fox,”  
hid from the British in the South Carolina swamps.

At the Battle of Cowpens the Patriots surrounded  
and killed or captured nearly 1,000 Loyalist troops.

Nathaniel Greene's troops had success against the British  
at Kings Mountain, South Carolina.

# Battle of Yorktown

September-October, 1781

A French fleet arrived offshore and bombarded the British from the  
harbor. British General Cornwallis was surrounded; he surrendered  
*(he actually sent someone else to do it for him).*

The Patriots had won the Battle of Yorktown.

The French band played the song “Yankee Doodle” which the  
British had used to make fun of the Americans. In response, the British  
band played a children's tune called “The World Turned Upside Down.”



“The World Turned Upside Down”

*Cornwallis's Surrender at Yorktown*  
Painted by John Trumbull, 1797

# Paris Peace Treaty 1783

the English were tired of war:  
they had been fighting **multiple countries in multiple locations**

**Ben Franklin** , **John Adams** , and John Jay went to Paris to make peace

they were told to consult with France 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 American independence from the **Atlantic Ocean** to the **Mississippi River**

America retained some fishing rights in Newfoundland

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



## North America After the Treaty of Paris, 1783

