

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Goals of the War

2 nd Continental Congress	Desire 1: <u>NEGOTIATE / REMAIN WITH ENGLAND (MIDDLE COLONIES)</u> → PETITION KING *
	Desire 2: <u>DECLARE INDEPENDENCE (NEW ENGLAND)</u>

* OLIVE BRANCH PETITION: LAST ATTEMPT; PROVED LOYALTY BUT KING REJECTED

Guiding Documents

Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776	Articles of Confederation
<p>CONTINENTAL CONGRESS <u>GRADUALLY</u> MOVED TOWARD SEPARATION FROM ENGLAND</p> <p>↳ WRITTEN BY THOMAS JEFFERSON, FRANKLIN, ADAMS</p> <p>LISTED GRIEVANCES AGAINST ENGLAND / KING GEORGE III</p> <p>↳ INALIENABLE RIGHTS (LIFE, LIBERTY, & PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS)</p>	<p>RATIFIED BY CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN 1777 TO GUIDE COUNTRY THROUGH WAR</p> <p>↳ DE-CENTRALIZED POWER (IN HANDS OF STATES); CAN'T TAX!</p>

Mobilization

Funding	Continental Army
<p>FEDERAL GOV'T COULDN'T TAX UNDER A.D.C.</p> <p>↳ PRINTED CURRENCY → INFLATION!</p> <p>RELY ON FOREIGN AID & INDIVIDUALS FINANCING W/OWN \$</p>	<p>UNDERFUNDED & UNDER SUPPLIED (CAN'T PAY TROOPS)</p> <p>RELY ON FOREIGN AID (90% GUN POWDER FROM FRANCE)</p> <p>↳ MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE & VON STEUBEN</p> <p>200,000+ MEN FOUGHT BUT NEVER MORE THAN 20,000 AT A TIME</p> <p>LED BY GEORGE WASHINGTON → EARLY DEFEATS</p>

Military Advantages

British	Colonists
<p>SUPERIOR NAVY</p> <p>DISCIPLINED, ORGANIZED, EXPERIENCED</p> <p>FINANCIALLY STABLE</p> <p>PRUSSIAN MERcenARIES & NATIVE ALLIES</p>	<p>KNOWLEDGE OF LAND (GUERRILLA WARFARE)</p> <p>COMMITMENT TO CAUSE (40% PATRIOTS)</p> <p>FRENCH ASSISTANCE (SUPPLIES, NAVY, TRAINING, & 10,000 TROOPS)</p> <p>↳ NEGOTIATED BY BEN FRANKLIN</p>

} BUT UNPOPULAR @ HOME (ENGL.)
↳ MUST BE QUICK

Major Battles

Phase	Location	Major Battles
1	NEW ENGLAND / CANADA	Bunker Hill - BOSTON, MA → ENGLISH VICTORY BUT PROVED COLONISTS CAN HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST BRITISH (1,000+ BRITISH CASUALTIES) 1775
2	MID-ATLANTIC	Saratoga - NEW YORK → BRITISH TRIED TO CUT OFF NEW ENGLAND FROM THE REST OF COLONIES; MAJOR U.S. VICTORY; CONVINCED FRANCE TO 1777
3	SOUTHERN COLONIES	"Hornet's Nest" - NC/SC → ENGLISH EXPECTED LOYALIST SUPPORT IN THE SOUTH BUT MET RESISTANCE; CORNWALLIS CHASED INTO VIRGINIA 1778-1780

End of the War

Yorktown 1781	Treaty of Paris 1783
<p>BRITISH TRAPPED AT YORKTOWN → FRENCH NAVY BLOCKED ESCAPE</p> <p>BRITISH SURRENDER; LAST MAJOR BATTLE; SUE FOR PEACE</p>	<p>What boundaries were established? ↳ CANADA, NORTH FLORIDA, MISSISSIPPI RIVER</p> <p>RECOGNIZED U.S. INDEPENDENCE</p> <p>GUARANTEED FISHING RIGHTS</p> <p>RESOLVED PROPERTY & DEBT ISSUES</p>

} BRITISH FORTS STILL ON U.S. LANDS
No Comp. for FREED SLAVES

Effects of the War

Loyalists	Slavery	Natives
<p>1/3 OF WHITES WOULD LEAVE FOR CANADA OR ENGLAND (EST. 100,000)</p> <p>↳ MERCHANTS & GOV'T OFFICIALS</p> <p>MANY HAVE LAND / PROPERTY CONFISCATED</p>	<p>MANY THAT FOUGHT FOR BRITISH LEFT (TO THE ANGER OF COLONISTS) → CANADA / AFRICA</p> <p>1/3 OF S.C. SLAVES HAD RAN AWAY</p> <p>PENNSYLVANIA MADE SLAVERY ILLEGAL → MORALITY VS. "CONQUERED PEOPLES"</p>	<p>MANY TRIBES HAD SIDED W/ THE ENGLISH OR LAUNCHED RAIDS ALONG BORDER / FRONTIER</p> <p>↳ "PATERNAL VIEW (NOBLE SAVAGES)"</p>
Women Before/During	Women After	Economy
<p>DAUGHTERS OF WEALTH</p> <p>↳ BOYCOTTS (STAMP ACT TOWNSHENDS)</p> <p>SEWED HOME-MADE CLOTHES</p>	<p>ARGUED FOR BETTER RIGHTS</p> <p>↳ EX: ABIGAIL ADAMS "REMEMBER THE LADIES"</p> <p>NO VOTING RIGHTS! IF MARRIED, COULD NOT OWN LAND, OWN CHILDREN, DIVORCE</p>	<p>BRITISH PROTECTION OF AMER. SHIPS AT AN END; CLOSED PORTS TO AMER. MERCHANTS</p> <p>↳ NEW MARKETS IN CARIBBEAN / S. AMER.</p> <p>↳ MODEST INCREASE IN INDUSTRY</p> <p>↳ WAGE DEBT</p>

} WHITE EXPANSION!

↳ OLIVE BRANCH PETITION: IGNORED! → BRITAIN FORGAVE ALL TRADE W/ COLONIES → THOMAS PAINE'S "COMMON SENSE"

ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT

Republicanism	Define: LIMITED GOV'T IN WHICH OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES ARE CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE	
Society based on	Yeomen Farmer... SMALL-SCALE, SELF-RELIANT FARMERS OFTEN ALONE THE BACK COUNTRY (NOT A LOT OF PROPERTY) → CIVIL PRIDE!	Not... SMALL UPPERCLASS BASED ON HEREDITARY RIGHTS WITH A LARGE/DEPENDENT LOWER CLASS (ARISTOCRATS)

↳ NOTE: JEFFERSON A BIG FAN OF THESE PEOPLE

State Governments

Constitutions	At first...	Eventually...
	HAD TO BE WRITTEN DOWN! LIMIT EXECUTIVE POWER (CORRUPTION!) ↳ RESTRICT GOVERNOR'S POWER (VETO, CHOOSING OF OFFICIALS) ↳ SEPARATE EXEC. & LEG.	UPPER & LOWER CHAMBERS OF STATE LEG. BRANCHES ↳ PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING RIGHTS & RUNNING FOR ELECTIONS ↳ TOO MUCH DEMOCRACY? → LIMIT POPULAR POWER; GIVE BACK TO EXEC.
Slavery	By the End of the War...	In 1807...
	SLAVERY GRADUALLY ABOLISHED IN MIDDLE & NEW ENGLAND COLONIES VA - LAW ENCOURAGING FREEDOM OF SLAVES SC/GA - BANNED IMPORTATION OF SLAVES	BY 1808, IMPORTATION OF SLAVES ENDED NATIONALLY SLAVERY EXPANDS INTO NEW TERRITORIES

↳ MORAL MISGIVINGS BUT ALTERNATIVE IS IN DOUBT

National Government

Articles of Confederation *NOTE: FEDERAL GOV'T	
Could	Could Not
DECLARE WAR MAKE TREATIES (EX: TREATY OF PARIS, W/ NATIVES) BORROW & PRINT MONEY	TAX! REGULATE TRADE (STATES CAN RESTRICT TRADE BETWEEN EACH OTHER) DRAFT TROOPS
SETTLE LAND DISPUTES (EX: NW ORDINANCE)	NO EXECUTIVE! ↳ HAD TO ASK STATES (COULD REFUSE!) * FOREIGN NATIONS UNSURE IF NEGOTIATING W/ A NATION OF 13

Expansion * EASTERN STATES HAD TO FIRST RELINQUISH WESTERN LAND CLAIMS

Ordinance of 1784		Ordinance of 1785	
Divided land into <u>10</u> sections	Pop. MUST EQUAL SMALLEST EXISTING STATE IN POP.	Established system for SURVEYING/DISTRIBUTING land	EST. TOWNSHIPS (GRID-LIKE PATTERN) SET ASIDE "PUBLIC LANDS" FOR GOV'T SALES
Set standards for STATEHOOD			
Northwest Ordinance	Replaces the Ordinance of 1785 → HAD FAVORED LAND SPECULATORS OVER ORDINARY PEOPLE Guarantees... STATEHOOD AT 60,000 PEOPLE IF:	1. FREEDOM OF RELIGION 2. TRIAL BY JURY 3. PROHIBITED SLAVERY	

Native American Resistance * ABOVE MENTIONED ORDINANCES HAD TRIED TO WORK W/ TREATIES W/ NATIVES

Battle of Fallen Timbers	Significance	Treaty of Greenville
	LAST MAJOR CONFRONTATION W/ NATIVES IN THE OHIO RIVER VALLEY	U.S. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES LAND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MIAMI CONF. IN EXCHANGE FOR LAND CONCESSIONS IN THE OHIO VALLEY

Postwar Depression 1784-1787

Why? WAR DEBT & INFLATION → GOV'T OWES \$ TO PRIVATE LENDERS, VETERANS, & FOREIGN NATIONS (STATES DO TOO!) → BOTH STATES & FED. GOV'T PRINT MONEY TO ADDRESS DEBT (INFLATION!) → NO TAX!

State Debts

Who do Taxes Hurt the Most?

	Demands	Significance
Shay's Rebellion 4,000 REBELS ↳ MANY VETERANS & POOR W. MASS. FARMERS	PRINT PAPER \$ TO ALLOW POOR FARMERS TO PAY OFF DEBT (INCREASE MONEY SUPPLY) LOWER TAXES & SUSPENSION OF DEBT COLLECTION RELEASE IMPRISONED DEBTORS	SHOWS THE NEED FOR A STRONG CENTRAL GOV'T ↳ A.D.C. DON'T WORK!