

Battles of the American Revolution



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Lexington and Concord



- British troops looking for ammunition and patriot leaders
- First shot of the American Revolution fires at Lexington...”shot heard around the world”
- Minutemen proved that they would stand up to the British and chased the British soldiers back to Boston.



Bunker Hill



- First major battle
- Although the British captured both Breed's and Bunker Hills, they had more casualties.
- The Patriots saw that they may have a chance at defeating the British



Saratoga



- British troops wanted to take control of New York and the Hudson River
- Major turning point due to French joining the patriot side.
- Patriots won the battle, gaining control of the Northern colonies



Valley Forge



- Winter quarters for the Continental army from December 1777 to June 1778
- Very poor living conditions- overcrowded, food shortage, lack of clothing, and illness
- With the arrival of the French, training of troops began
- The Continental Army improved due discipline and organization



Yorktown



- Last battle of the American Revolution
- Washington surrounds the British by land while the French blockade the British ships in the Chesapeake Bay. No British reinforcements arrive.
- British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders



Treaty of Paris



- Peace treaty between the United States and Britain that recognized the U.S. as an independent nation
- Set the boundary of the U.S.- THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO THE WEST, CANADA TO THE NORTH, SPANISH FLORIDA TO THE SOUTH AND ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE EAST
- Fishing rights
- Each side would pay its debts