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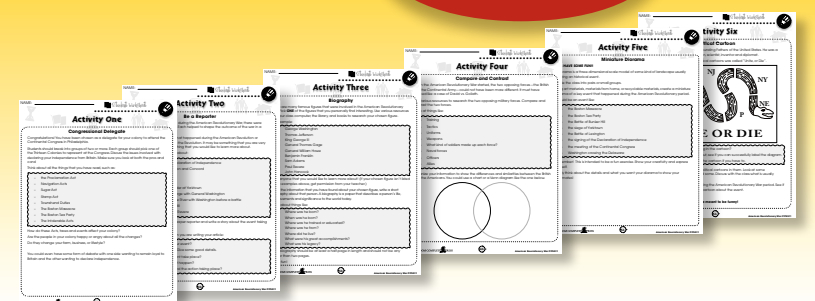
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## Major Battles



1. Can you name any major Battles during the Revolutionary War?

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2. Have you ever heard of the phrase "the shot heard round the world"? Look up the phrase on your classroom computer (you can use Google). When was the "shot" fired? Why was it important?

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3. Match the word on the left to its meaning on the right. You may use a dictionary to help you.

1	supplies	a drastic and far-reaching change in ways of thinking and behaving	A
2	independence	civilians trained as soldiers but not part of the regular army	B
3	surrounded	to furnish or equip with	C
4	militia	a hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war	D
5	revolution	freedom from control or influence of others	E
6	battle	confined on all sides	F



## Major Battles



The colonies and Britain drifted slowly to war. Their anger built over time; tensions rose. Colonists in Massachusetts were called to arms. They were told to defend their liberties by force if they had to.



Paul Revere

The **Battles of Lexington and Concord** happened in April of 1775. It was a year before the **Declaration of Independence** was even written. British General Gage ordered his troops to search Concord. It was a town near Boston. The troops were sent to seize weapons. **Paul Revere** was a silversmith in Boston. He was also a Patriot. He rode hard through the night to warn everyone that the British were coming. In the morning, 80 men of the **colonial militia** were lined up to meet the 700 British troops. The British fired, killing eight and wounding ten. The British continued to Concord. Word spread and other colonists came to help. The British troops were outnumbered. They had to retreat and fight their way back to Boston. Nearly 300 British troops were killed or wounded. Lexington became famous. They called that first shot, "the shot heard round the world".

**STOP** Who was Paul Revere and why was he important?

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The Revolution had started.

The British retreated to Boston. In June 1775, the Americans surrounded Boston with 15,000 volunteers. The British had around 6,400 troops in Boston. The Americans gained control of **Bunker Hill**. It overlooked the **Boston Harbor** at **Charlestown**. With cannons, they could shoot British ships in the harbor. General Gage sent 2,400 British soldiers to take the hill. After two tries, the British forced the Americans to retreat off the high ground. But the British lost over 1,000 men in the attack. The Americans lost around 450 men. The British troops had to leave Boston in 1776.

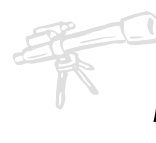


## Major Battles



1. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) Which two battles happened in April 1775?
- A Concord and Bunker Hill
- B Lexington and White Plains
- C White Plains and Bunker Hill
- D Lexington and Concord
- b) Concord was:
- A a town near Boston.
- B a town near New York.
- C a type of artillery.
- D a river.
- c) In 1775, the British had how many troops in Boston?
- A 2,500
- B 6,400
- C 15,000
- D 450
- d) The British troops left Boston in.
- A 1775.
- B 1777.
- C 1776.
- D 1774.
- e) George Washington became the commander-in-chief of what army?
- A The Continental Army
- B The British Army
- C The French Army
- D The Washington Army
- f) In 1778, what country entered the war?
- A Canada
- B France
- C Britain
- D Italy



## Major Battles



2. Circle the word that does not belong on each line below, then write a sentence explaining why that word does not belong.

- a) Lexington      Concord      Bemis Heights      Gage
- \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Trenton      Yale      Princeton      Mohawk Valley
- \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Boston Tea Party      White Plains      Albany      Saratoga
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. After reading about the major battles of the American Revolutionary War, what battle do you think was the turning point for the Colonists? Explain your choice.

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### Research & Application

4. Benedict Arnold was an officer in the Continental Army. He had many military successes in the Saratoga campaign. Research Benedict Arnold and write a short paragraph about the other reasons that he is famous.

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# Crossword Puzzle!

**Word List**

acts	Jefferson
Boston	massacre
Cornwallis	Revere
Delaware	Stamp
France	Tea Party
George	Washington
Independence	Yorktown

**Across**

- The protest where five civilians were killed was later called the Boston \_\_\_\_\_.
- On July 4, 1776, Continental Congress signed the Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_.
- He made his famous ride to warn the colonists that the British were coming.
- The Boston \_\_\_\_\_ was a bunch of Colonists dressed like Native Americans who dumped tea off the ships in the harbor.
- One of the major towns in the Thirteen Colonies and the site of many protests.
- This British general surrendered his army at Yorktown.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Act was a law that passed, which taxed all newspapers, documents and pamphlets.

**Down**

- Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
- Washington crossed this river in winter to attack Trenton and Princeton.
- King \_\_\_\_\_ III was the ruler of England during the Revolution.
- He helped write the Declaration of Independence.
- The British made their final surrender after the siege of this town.
- They joined the war in 1778 to help the colonists fight Britain.
- Laws passed by the British were called \_\_\_\_\_.

# Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

- |            |              |              |            |            |
|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| BOSTON     | FRENCH       | MASSACRE     | REVOLUTION | THIRTEEN   |
| BRITISH    | GAGE         | MISSISSIPPI  | SETTLERS   | TREATY     |
| CAPTAIN    | INDEPENDENCE | PHILADELPHIA | STAMP      | WASHINGTON |
| COLONIES   | JEFFERSON    | PROCLAMATION | TAXES      | YORKTOWN   |
| CORNWALLIS | LIBERTY      | REBELLION    | TEA        |            |

# Part 3 Comprehension Quiz

Answer each question with complete sentences.

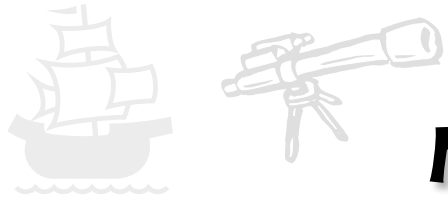
- Name 4 major figures in the Revolutionary War. 4
- How long did the Revolutionary War last? 1
- When did America officially win her independence and the British troops leave the Thirteen Colonies? 1
- Name three major battles during the Revolutionary War. 3
- On what date was the Declaration of Independence signed and what was its significance? 3

SUBTOTAL: /12

## Major Military Campaigns and Battle Sites

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

After You Read 



# Major Battles



2. **Circle** the word that does not belong on each line below, then write a sentence explaining why that word does not belong.

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- b) Trenton                      Yale                      Princeton                      Mohawk Valley

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- c) Boston Tea Party                      White Plains                      Albany                      Saratoga

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3. **After reading about the major battles of the American Revolutionary War, what battle do you think was the turning point for the Colonists? Explain your choice.**

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- 2.**
- a) Gage. Gage is a person, the rest are places.
  - b) Yale. Trenton, Princeton and Mohawk Valley are all places where battles were fought.
  - c) Boston Tea Party. Boston Tea Party is an event, the rest are places.

**3.**  
Answers may vary.

# EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

**4.**  
Answers may vary.



## Research & Application

4. **Benedict Arnold was an officer in the Continental Army. He had many military successes in the Saratoga campaign. Research Benedict Arnold and write a short paragraph about the other reasons that he is famous.**

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