

ch 7

Key Revolutionary Battles and Events

- ★ **Lexington and Concord (1775).** Marked the start of the American Revolutionary War.
- ★ **Winter at Valley Forge (1776).** General Washington spent winter regrouping.
- ★ **Battle of Saratoga (1777).** British were beaten. The battle marked the turning point in war. The French concluded an alliance with the colonists afterwards.
- ★ **Battle of Yorktown (1781).** Marked the last major battle of the American Revolution; British surrendered to General Washington in Virginia.
- ★ **Treaty of Paris (1783).** Ended the war.

Important Individuals in the American Revolution

- ★ **Benjamin Franklin** – Statesman; writer; scientist.
- ★ **Samuel Adams** – A radical leader who organized resistance to British taxes.
- ★ **King George III** – Supported attempts to discipline colonists.
- ★ **Thomas Jefferson** – Drafted the Declaration of Independence.
- ★ **Thomas Paine** – Advocate for independence in his pamphlet, *Common Sense*.
- ★ **George Washington** – Successfully commanded the Continental Army against the British during the American Revolution.



Other Important Individuals (2)

- ★ **Abigail Adams.** Her letters were a main source of life during the American Revolution.
- ★ **John Adams.** Led the debate for independence; became the Second President of U.S.
- ★ **Wentworth Cheswell.** He fought at the Battle of Saratoga; became the first elected African American.
- ★ **Mercy Otis Warren.** Stirred colonists against British policies with her writings; she is considered "First Lady" of the American Revolution.

Other Important Individuals (3)

- ★ **James Armistead.** An African American who became the first double spy in the American Revolution.
- ★ **Bernardo de Gálvez.** Led Spanish armies against the British in the American Revolution; kept the British from taking the Mississippi River.
- ★ **Crispus Attucks.** African American who was the first person killed at the Boston Massacre.
- ★ **Haym Solomon.** Jewish financier who gave money to support the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

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American Revolution

- ★ **Causes of Revolution.** British wanted to tax colonies to repay debts from the French and Indian War; Colonists felt they were not being represented in British Parliament.
 - Proclamation Line of 1763
 - Stamp Act (1765)
 - Townshend Acts (1767)
 - Tea Act (1773)
 - Boston Tea Party (1773)
 - Intolerable Acts (1774)
- ★ **Effects of Revolution.**
 - Declaration of Independence (1776)
 - British recognized American independence.

Declaration of Independence, 1776

- ★ Issued by the Second Continental Congress on **July 4, 1776.**
- ★ Written primarily by Thomas Jefferson.
- ★ Stated to the world the reasons why the colonies were declaring their independence.
- ★ Announced the purpose of government was to protect the people's unalienable rights — life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- ★ It declared the right of people to overthrow a government that oppresses its people.
- ★ Included a list of grievances by the colonists against the British King George III.

