

Revolutionary War Battles and Events

	Lexington and Concord	Ticonderoga	Bunker Hill
When	1775	1775	1775
Who	Paul Revere William Dawes	Ethan Allen Green Mtn. Boys Benedict Arnold	General Gage
Where	West of Boston, MA	Border of New York and Vermont	Boston
What	British try to get Hancock/Adams, get beat by minutemen in Concord	Green Mtn. Boys surprise British in attack at the British fort and win without firing one shot	British charge up Breed's Hill 3x and take the hill; colonists kill hundreds of redcoats but lose hill
Significance/Effect	1st battle of the Revolutionary War	Got supplies and artillery for the Patriots which helped them drive Brits out of Boston	Loss cost Gen. Gage his job; gave Patriots confidence

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	2nd Continental Congress	Long Island/NY	Trenton
When	1775	Summer, 1776	Christmas, 1776
Who	John Hancock John Adams Thomas Jefferson Ben Franklin	George Washington General Howe	General Washington Hessians
Where	Philadelphia, PA	New York City; Long Island	New Jersey
What	Delegates from colonies try for peace, get ready for war, write Declaration of Independence, then run the war effort	Washington tries to defend NYC but is beat badly in Long Island and on Manhattan and runs away	Washington's Army surprises Hessians on Christmas morning and wins
Significance/Effect	This becomes the first government of our country and produces our Declaration of Independence	Washington's army depleted badly and the war is almost lost; British take new headquarters	Turned around Patriots' confidence in the war; convinced more men to join the army

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	Saratoga	Valley Forge	Charles Towne
When	1777	1777-1778	1780
Who	General Gates Benedict Arnold General Burgoyne	George Washington Baron Von Steuben Marquis de Lafayette	General Cornwallis
Where	Upstate New York	Near Philadelphia, PA	South Carolina
What	British General Burgoyne is abandoned by his "teammates" and is beat by Americans; British lose 9000 men	Washington's army spends the winter here; men suffer from sickness, cold, no food; more lives lost here than in any battle; men trained by Von Steuben and come out better trained and tough	British attack using strategy (finally) and take the city and 5000 American troops using a siege
Significance/Effect	British lose 1/2 of their army; turning point of the war; win convinces French to join us	Patriots lose more lives than any battle; come out of winter better trained and tougher	British capture SC and a large portion of Southern American Army; new British war plan working

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	Cowpens	Yorktown	Treaty of Paris
When	1781	1781	1783
Who	General Greene General Cornwallis Swampfox Marion	French Navy General Washington General Greene	British Americans French Spanish
Where	NC/SC border	Virginia coast	Paris, France
What	Americans surprise British with militia and regular army through well-planned battle strategy and win	Cornwallis is surrounded and trapped by entire American force and French Navy	Americans, French, English, and Spanish draw up a plan of peace to end the war
Significance/Effect	One of only American victories in the south; makes Cornwallis start to retreat for the sea	Last battle of Revolution; British surrender	We are officially declared a country!