

Unit 5 American Revolution

What will we be learning? We will be studying how the tensions between Britain and the British Colonists living in the thirteen colonies boiled over into an armed conflict. This war will begin at Lexington, Massachusetts and become known as the American Revolution. Although colonists begin fighting the war to gain their rights as Englishmen, within a year after the fighting begins, colonists declare their independence from Britain and eventually win sovereignty at Yorktown seven years later. We will touch on some significant battles but the focus of our study will be on the Declaration of Independence and the Enlightenment ideals that are reflected in this document.

How will we be learning it? *Videos, handouts, primary sources, power point presentations, WebQuest, and the textbook.*

Topics Covered (with page numbers from *Call to Freedom*)

- The early years of the revolution (p 184 - 188)
- Declaring Independence (p 190 - 197)
- The war after declaring independence from Britain (p 198 - 215)

Your Goals

- **History**
 - Use primary and secondary sources to examine historical events from multiple perspectives and to defend a position
 - Explain how the ideas of the Enlightenment and dissatisfaction with colonial rule led the Declaration of Independence.
 - Identify that the American Revolution led to national independence
- **Geography**
 - Use modern and historical maps and other geographical tools to analyze how historic events are shaped by geography
 - Explain how cultural biases, stereotypes, and prejudices had social political and economic consequences for minority groups and the population as a whole.
 - Explain how Americans began to develop a common national identity among its diverse regional and cultural populations **based on democratic ideals.**
- **Government 18, 19**
 - Explain how participation in social and civic groups can lead to the attainment of individual and public goals
 - Explain how informed citizens understand how media can influence public opinion.

Unit 5 Study Guide

Identify each of the following:

Identify means to write one Sentence to identify what the term, person or event is and one sentence to explain its significance (importance to Causes of the American Revolution.)

Loyalist

Patriot

Mercenaries

Grievance

Enlightenment

Guerrilla Warfare

Militia

King George III

George Washington

Thomas Paine

Thomas Jefferson

John Locke

Nathaniel Green

Charles Cornwallis

William Howe

Common Sense

Declaration of Independence

Treaty of Paris 1783

Battles of Lexington and Concord

Battle of Trenton

Battle of Saratoga

Yorktown

Essential Questions:

- Explain the impact the war had on men, women, African Americans, and Native Americans
- Explain the concept of a social contract and how it encouraged Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence
- Explain the main ideas contained in Common Sense **and** what Thomas Paine intended to accomplish by writing the pamphlet.
- Explain how the way Thomas Jefferson lived his life conflicted with ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence.