

# America's Fight for Independence

## The Stamp Act to the Ratification of the Constitution

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### Road to Independence-1765-1775

Players should know the following events and the people who were involved, both British and American

#### A. New Acts and Taxes –

Players should know content of the act, the purpose behind each act, and the reaction (if any) of the colonists towards the act or tax,

1. Sugar
2. Stamp
3. Declaratory
4. Townshend
5. Tea
6. Coercive (Intolerable),
7. Boycotts
8. Black Markets (smuggling)
9. Boston Massacre,
10. Boston Tea Party
11. British Occupation
12. Committees of Correspondence
13. Sons of Liberty
14. Stamp Act Congress
15. Daughters of Liberty
16. Patriots v Loyalists

### The Fight for Independence-1775-1781

A. Continental Congresses *players should know when the congresses met and what happened and the people involved*

1. Declaration of Independence

2. Appointment of Washington as commander of the Continental Army

3. Articles of Confederation

B. *The Early Years of the Revolution (1775-1778) – players should know location, the main players British and Americans (generals and staff), winner, reason(s) behind the battle; and the significance of the battle or outcome*

1. Battle of Lexington
2. Battle of Concord
3. Battle of Bunker Hill
4. Siege of New York
5. Battle of Trenton
6. Battle of Princeton

7. Battle of Fort Ticonderoga
8. Battle of Saratoga

*C.. The War in the South – players should know location, the main players(generals and staff), winner, reason(s) behind the battle; and the significance of the battle or outcome*

1. Battle of Charleston
  2. Battle of Camden
  3. Battle of King's Mountain
  4. Battle of Guilford Courthouse
  5. Battle of Cowpens
- D. Siege and surrender of Yorktown

## **. Building a New Nation-1781-1789**

- A. Treaty of Paris
- B. The Strengths and Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
  1. Shay's Rebellion
  2. Northwest Ordinance
- C. Constitutional Convention  
Players should know when, where and why the convention met, the main players
  1. The Virginia Plan
  2. The New Jersey Plan
  3. The Connecticut Compromise
  4. Checks and Balances
- D. Ratification and the compromise of the Bill of Rights

Jr/Sr Division

- Add the following subtopics to C. Constitutional Convention and D. Ratification
1. Federalist v Anti-Federalists
  2. Main Issues debated and Compromises reached
  3. Balancing Act of the Federal Government
  4. Ratification: Federalists v. Anti-Federalists
  5. The Reasons for the Compromise of the Bill of Rights.
  6. Documents/Ideas that shaped American Beliefs about government