



The American Revolution

READ these Main Ideas: (you must be able to identify the terms in bold!)

- Britain's victory in the **French and Indian War** marked the end of the French empire in North America.
- Americans saw British efforts to tax them and to increase control over the colonies as violations of their rights.
- Many Americans began to organize to oppose British policies.
- Crises such as the **Boston Tea Party** and the **Intolerable Acts** led to the outbreak of fighting between Britain and the colonies, beginning in New England.
- After a series of **Patriot** defeats, an American victory at **Saratoga** marked a major turning point in the Revolution.
- After the British surrendered at **Yorktown**, Britain recognized the United States as an independent country under the terms of the **Treaty of Paris of 1783**.

Answer the following questions to show your understanding of the American Revolution:

1. What economic policy of Great Britain contributed to the rebellion of the colonists against British policies?
2. What effect did the "Acts" (Intolerable, Stamp, Tea, etc.) have on the colonies?
3. What was the purpose of Thomas Paine's pamphlet, *Common Sense*?
4. What is the main idea of the Declaration of Independence?
5. List the grievances against King George III that were listed in the Declaration of Independence.
6. What were the first battles of the American Revolution?
7. Why is the Battle of Saratoga called a turning point in the war?
8. What was the contribution of George Washington to the American Revolution?