

AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE

Major Events & Turning Points: 1763 - 1783

1763 - 1765

The Seeds of Dissent

Proclamation of 1763 and the Stamp Act trigger "No Taxation Without Representation."

1770 - 1773

Escalating Tension

The Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party polarize the colonies and the Crown.

APR 1775

Lexington & Concord

"The shot heard 'round the world." The first military engagements of the war.

JUL 1776

Declaration of Independence

The Continental Congress formally adopts Thomas Jefferson's draft in Philadelphia.

OCT 1777

Battle of Saratoga

A major American victory that convinces France to join the war as an ally.

OCT 1781

Siege of Yorktown

General Cornwallis surrenders to Washington, effectively ending major hostilities.

SEP 1783

Treaty of Paris

Great Britain formally recognizes American independence and cedes territory.

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