

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Major Battles & Turning Points (1775-1781)

DATE	BATTLE	SIGNIFICANCE	OUTCOME
April 19, 1775	Lexington & Concord	The "Shot Heard 'Round the World"; first military engagements of the war.	American Victory
June 17, 1775	Bunker Hill	Proved colonial militias could stand up to professional British regulars.	British Victory
Dec 26, 1776	Trenton	Washington crosses the Delaware for a surprise attack; boosts Continental morale.	American Victory
Sept-Oct 1777	Saratoga	The turning point of the war; convinced France to formally join as an ally.	American Victory
Winter 1777-78	Valley Forge	Not a battle, but a critical period of reorganization and drill training.	Strategic Gain
August 16, 1780	Camden	A major defeat for the Continental Army in the Southern theater.	British Victory

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January 17, 1781	Cowpens	A tactical masterpiece that depleted British forces in the South.	American Victory
Oct 19, 1781	Yorktown	The final major land battle; Cornwallis surrenders to Washington and Rochambeau.	American Victory