

# AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE

1765

## **The Stamp Act**

First direct British tax on American colonists leads to widespread protest and the cry "No taxation without representation."

1770

## **Boston Massacre**

A confrontation between British soldiers and a Boston mob results in five civilian deaths, fueling anti-British sentiment.

1773

## **Boston Tea Party**

Colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor to protest the Tea Act.

1775

## **Lexington & Concord**

The "shot heard 'round the world" marks the beginning of armed conflict between British regulars and colonial militia.

1776

## **Declaration of Independence**

The Continental Congress adopts the formal statement asserting the colonies' right to self-governance and separation from Britain.

1777

## **Battle of Saratoga**

A major turning point in the war; the American victory convinces France to enter the war as an ally.

1781

## **Siege of Yorktown**

General Cornwallis surrenders to combined American and French forces, effectively ending major land operations.

**1783**

### **Treaty of Paris**

Great Britain formally recognizes American independence and cedes territory east of the Mississippi River.