

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Sequence of Events Timeline

March 22, 1765

The Stamp Act

The British Parliament passes a direct tax on all printed materials in the colonies, fueling the slogan "No taxation without representation."

March 5, 1770

Boston Massacre

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

December 16, 1773

Boston Tea Party

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

April 19, 1775

Lexington and Concord

The first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War, known as the "shot heard 'round the world."

July 4, 1776

Declaration of Independence

The Continental Congress adopts the formal statement declaring the thirteen American colonies independent from British rule.

Oct 17, 1777

Battle of Saratoga

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

Oct 19, 1781

Surrender at Yorktown

General Cornwallis surrenders his British army to George Washington and French forces, effectively ending major land operations.

Sept 3, 1783

Treaty of Paris

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