

AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE

Key Events & Turning Points (1763 - 1783)

1763

The Proclamation of 1763 British decree forbidding colonial settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains following the French and Indian War.

1765

The Stamp Act First direct tax on American colonists, sparking the cry "No Taxation Without Representation."

1770

The Boston Massacre A deadly riot between British soldiers and colonists, used as a powerful propaganda tool for the Patriot cause.

1773

The Boston Tea Party Patriots disguised as Mohawk Indians dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor to protest the Tea Act.

1775

Lexington and Concord The "Shot Heard 'Round the World." The first military engagements of the Revolutionary War.

1776

Declaration of Independence The Continental Congress formally adopts the document declaring the colonies free and independent states.

1777

Battle of Saratoga The turning point of the war. An American victory that convinced France to enter the war as an ally.

1781

Siege of Yorktown General Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington, effectively ending major land operations in North America.

1783

Treaty of Paris The formal peace agreement recognizing American independence and establishing new national borders.

Student Notes & Summary: