

AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE

Student Reference Guide (1763 - 1783)

1763

Proclamation of 1763 British government prohibits colonists from settling west of the Appalachian Mountains.

PRE-WAR TENSION

1765

The Stamp Act First direct British tax on American colonists; requires tax stamps on all legal documents and newspapers.

LEGISLATION

1770

The Boston Massacre British soldiers fire into a crowd of colonists, killing five; used as significant propaganda for the Patriot cause.

CONFLICT

1773

Boston Tea Party Sons of Liberty dump British tea into Boston Harbor to protest the Tea Act.

PROTEST

1775

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

WARFARE

1776

Declaration of Independence The Continental Congress adopts the document formally severing ties with Great Britain.

FOUNDING DOCUMENT

1777

Battle of Saratoga The turning point of the war; American victory convinces France to enter the war as an ally.

WARFARE

1781

Surrender at Yorktown General Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington, effectively ending major fighting in North America.

WARFARE

1783

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

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