

# THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Key Events & Turning Points (1765-1783)

### **March 22, 1765** **The Stamp Act**

The first direct tax on American colonists by the British Parliament, sparking the cry "No taxation without representation."

### **December 16, 1773** **The Boston Tea Party**

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

### **April 19, 1775** **Lexington and Concord**

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

### **July 4, 1776** **Declaration of Independence**

The Continental Congress adopts the formal statement declaring the thirteen colonies free and independent states.

### **Winter 1777-1778** **Valley Forge**

The Continental Army survives a harsh winter training period, emerging as a more disciplined and professional fighting force.

### **October 19, 1781** **Surrender at Yorktown**

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

### **September 3, 1783** **Treaty of Paris**

The formal conclusion of the war, where Great Britain officially recognizes American independence.