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AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE

1763 - 1783 Key Historical Milestones

THE PATH TO REBELLION (1763-1774)

- Oct 7, 1763** **Proclamation of 1763** British ban on colonial settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains.
- Mar 22, 1765** **The Stamp Act** First direct British tax on American colonists for printed materials.
- Mar 5, 1770** **The Boston Massacre** British soldiers fire into a crowd, killing five colonists.
- Dec 16, 1773** **The Boston Tea Party** Sons of Liberty dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor to protest the Tea Act.

OUTBREAK OF WAR (1775-1776)

- Apr 19, 1775** **Lexington and Concord** The "Shot Heard 'Round the World" marks the start of armed conflict.
- Jun 17, 1775** **Battle of Bunker Hill** British victory but at a massive cost; proves colonial resolve.
- Jul 4, 1776** **Declaration of Independence** The Continental Congress formally adopts the document severing ties with Britain.
- Dec 26, 1776** **Battle of Trenton** Washington crosses the Delaware for a surprise victory against Hessians.

TURNING POINTS & ALLIANCES (1777-1780)

Oct 17, 1777 **Battle of Saratoga** Major American victory leading to the formal alliance with France.

Winter 1777-78 **Valley Forge Encampment** Continental Army undergoes rigorous training despite harsh conditions.

INDEPENDENCE WON (1781-1783)

Oct 19, 1781 **Siege of Yorktown** General Cornwallis surrenders to Washington and French forces.

Sep 3, 1783 **Treaty of Paris** Great Britain formally recognizes American independence.

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