

## Time Line of the American Revolution

- 1733 • Molasses Act imposed taxes on molasses, rum, and sugar.
- 1754 • French and Indian War began.
- 1760 • George III became king of England.
- 1763 • Treaty of Paris ended French and Indian War.
  - Proclamation of 1763 forbade colonists to settle west of the Appalachian Mountains.
- 1764 • Sugar Act taxed colonists on lumber, molasses, rum, and other foods.
  - Currency Act prevented colonies from issuing their own money and devaluated colonial scrip.
- 1765 • Quartering Act required colonists to provide barracks and supplies for British troops.
  - Stamp Act required colonists to buy government stamps for documents, etc.
  - Stamp Act Congress pledged not to pay taxes unless approved by colonial legislatures.
- 1766 • Stamp Act repealed.
  - Declaratory Act gave Parliament the right to tax colonists.
- 1767 • Townshend Duties taxed colonists on glass, paper, and tea.
- 1770 • Boston Massacre.
  - Townshend Acts repealed, except tax on tea.
- 1773 • Tea Act gave British East India Company a monopoly on tea trade in the colonies.
  - Boston Tea Party.
- 1774 • Intolerable Acts closed the port of Boston and decreased powers of local authority.
  - British General Gage and troops arrived in Boston.
  - First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia.
- 1775 • **March 23:** Patrick Henry delivered "Give me liberty ..." speech.
  - **April 19:** Battles at Lexington and Concord.
  - **May 10:** Second Continental Congress met.
  - **June 10:** George Washington named commander in chief of Continental Army.
  - **June 17:** Battle at Breed's Hill.
- 1776 • **July 4:** Declaration of Independence approved.
  - **August 1:** British defeated at Charleston.
  - **August 27–29:** British defeated Washington in Battle of Long Island.
  - **September 6:** First submarine, the *Turtle*, failed to sink Admiral Howe's flagship.
  - **September 22:** Nathan Hale hanged as a spy.
  - **October 28:** Battle of White Plains.
  - **November 16:** British forces captured Fort Mifflin.
  - **December:** Benjamin Franklin arrived in France as U.S. envoy.
  - **December 19:** Thomas Paine published *The Crisis*.
  - **December 25–26:** Washington crossed the Delaware River and attacked the British at Trenton, New Jersey.

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- 1777
  - **January 3:** Washington drove the British from Princeton, New Jersey.
  - **June 14:** Congress authorized a United States flag.
  - **July:** The Vermont Constitution abolished slavery.
  - **July 6:** British recaptured Fort Ticonderoga.
  - **September 9–11:** Battle of Brandywine: British forced Washington's army back toward Philadelphia.
  - **September 26:** British captured Philadelphia.
  - **October 4–5:** British won Battle of Germantown.
  - **October 17:** Americans defeated British at Saratoga.
  - **November 15:** Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.
  - **December 17:** Washington's army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge.
- 1778
  - **February 6:** France signed Treaty of Alliance with the United States.
  - **June 27–28:** Battle of Monmouth.
  - **July 20:** American forces captured fort at Vincennes, Indiana.
  - **August 8:** Battle at Newport, Rhode Island.
  - **December 29:** British captured Savannah, Georgia.
- 1779
  - **January 29:** British captured Augusta, Georgia.
  - **June 1:** British captured forts at Stony Point and Verplanck, New York.
  - **September 23:** John Paul Jones captured British warship, *Serapis*.
  - **September 27:** Congress appointed John Adams to negotiate peace with England.
  - **October 17:** Washington led troops to winter quarters in Morristown, New Jersey.
- 1780
  - **May 12:** Charleston surrendered to the British.
  - **June 23:** British defeated at Battle of Springfield, New Jersey.
  - **September 8:** British forces began invading South Carolina.
  - **September 23–25:** Benedict Arnold revealed as a traitor.
  - **October 7:** American militia won at Kings Mountain, North Carolina.
- 1781
  - **March 1:** Articles of Confederation ratified by all states.
  - **March 16:** British won the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.
  - **May 9:** British surrendered Pensacola, Florida, to Spanish.
  - **September 8:** American forces defeated at Eutaw Springs, South Carolina.
  - **October 19:** British surrendered at Yorktown.
- 1782
  - **January:** Loyalists began leaving for Canada or England.
  - **April 12:** Peace talks between Great Britain and the United States began.
  - **October 8:** The United States and the Netherlands signed treaty of commerce and friendship.
  - **November 30:** Preliminary peace treaty signed between the United States and Great Britain.
- 1783
  - **September 1:** Treaty of Paris signed.
- 1787
  - **September 17:** Constitution of the United States signed.
- 1788
  - **July:** Constitution ratified and goes into effect.
- 1791
  - **December 15:** Bill of Rights approved as amendments to the Constitution.

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## American Revolution Time Line Activity

**Directions:** Use the information from the time line to answer the questions below.

**Sequencing:** Check the event in each group that came first.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The French and Indian War ended.  
\_\_\_\_\_ George III became King of England.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Currency Act prevented colonists from issuing their own money.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Great Britain passed the Stamp Act.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Boston Massacre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Boston Tea Party
4. \_\_\_\_\_ George Washington was named commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Battles were fought at Lexington and Concord.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Declaration of Independence approved  
\_\_\_\_\_ Articles of Confederation approved
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Treaty of Paris ends Revolutionary War.  
\_\_\_\_\_ British surrendered at Yorktown.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Townshend Acts repealed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stamp Act repealed
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Continental Army won the Battle of Trenton.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Americans won the Battle of Saratoga.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Bill of Rights approved  
\_\_\_\_\_ Constitution ratified



**Boston Massacre**

### Short Answer

10. What act by Parliament forbade settlements west of the Appalachian Mountains?  
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11. What British company was given a monopoly on the tea trade in 1773?  
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12. The Townshend Duties taxed colonists on which imported goods?  
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13. Who was the king of England during the American Revolution era? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which army won the Battle of Brandywine? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which act closed the port of Boston? \_\_\_\_\_

