

The Continental and British Armies Compared

Directions: Using page 99 in the old blue textbook and 127 in the new red textbook, identify key advantages and disadvantages to each of the armies.

THE CONTINENTAL ARMY	THE BRITISH ARMY
<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN • “HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE” - FIGHTING TO DEFEND THEIR LAND, HOMES, FARMS, SHOPS. • MANY AMERICANS OWNED THEIR OWN RIFLES AND WERE GOOD SHOTS • RESPECTABLE LEADER IN GEORGE WASHINGTON • GOT HELP FROM EUROPEAN NATIONS (AFTER BATTLE OF SARATOGA) 	<p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELL-TRAINED • WELL-EQUIPPED • EXPERIENCED • LONG TERM CONTRACTS • NAVY TO MOVE SOLDIERS QUICKLY UP AND DOWN THE ATLANTIC COAST • LARGE, POWERFUL NAVY • SLAVES JOINED BRITISH IN HOPES OF FREEDOM
<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNTRAINED • LITTLE EXPERIENCE (EXCEPT VIRGINIA) • POORLY-EQUIPPED • NEW ENGLAND MILITIAS WERE USED TO ENLISTING FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME • WASHINGTON HAD A DIFFICULT TIME TRYING TO BUILD AN ARMY WHOSE MEN WOULD STAY TO FIGHT FOR A LONG TIME • SMALL NAVY 	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARMIES WERE 3,000 MILES FROM HOME • NEWS AND SUPPLIES TOOK MONTHS TO TRAVEL • USED MERCENARIES AS SOLDIERS • RISKED ATTACKS BY COLONISTS ONCE THEY MARCHED OUT OF CITIES AND INTO THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE.

Based on the data you have gathered, what conclusions can you reach regarding the chances the Patriots or British have of winning a war? Support your response.

Battle of Long Island (New York)

What are the tragedies associated with the Battle of New York?

- OUTGUNNED & OUTMANNED
 - PATRIOT TROOPS WERE UNTRAINED AND NO MATCH FOR HOWE
 - PATRIOT TROOPS HAD NO NAVY TO CHALLENGE THE BRITISH IN NEW YORK HARBOR
 - WASHINGTON WITHOUT SUPPORTING GENERALS - NEEDS A RIGHT HAND MAN
- OUTNUMBERED - 19,000 PATRIOTS TO 32,000 BRITISH
- OUTPLANNED
 - POOR DECISIONS - WASHINGTON WAS ALMOST CAPTURED HIMSELF
 - WASHINGTON LOST 1,400, MEN WHO WERE KILLED, INJURED, OR TAKEN PRISONER

End Result:

- WASHINGTON AND HIS TROOPS RETREATED TO NEW JERSEY, CROSSED THE DELAWARE RIVER INTO PENNSYLVANIA
- BRITISH HOLD NEW YORK UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR - FOR 7 YEARS.
- CAUSED GEORGE WASHINGTON TO ADJUST HIS STRATEGY - AVOID FIGHTING (LACK OF SUPPLIES, TRAINING, ETC.) & PICK AND CHOOSE HIS BATTLES

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Who is he?

SCHOOL TEACHER, SPY, PRISONER, MARTYR, AND HERO

His Rumored Last Words: "I ONLY REGRET THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY COUNTRY"

His Real Last Words: "How beautiful is death, when earned by virtue! Who would not be that youth? What pity it is That we can die but once to serve our country."