

# Battles of the Revolutionary War

Directions: Visit stations located around the room to collect information on each battle. Once you have filled in the required information, answer the summary questions at the bottom of the page.

	DATE	LOCATION	COMMANDERS		VICTOR
			British	Patriot	
TRENTON	Dec 26, 1776	Trenton, New Jersey	Johann Rall	George Washington Nathanael Greene John Stark	Patriot
	SIGNIFICANCE: Patriots were energized by the easy defeat. It provided renewed hope that Patriots could win the war.				
PRINCETON	Jan 3, 1777	Princeton, New Jersey	Charles Cornwallis	George Washington	Patriot
	SIGNIFICANCE: Patriots gain control of New Jersey and retreat to New York. Two wins in a row continued to inspire the Patriots to be hopeful that they could win the war.				
BRANDYWINE	Sept 11, 1777	Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania	Charles Cornwallis William Howe	George Washington Nathanael Greene	British
	SIGNIFICANCE: Allowed the British to seize Philadelphia, and push the Patriots to settle in Valley Forge.				
GERMANTOWN	Oct 4, 1777	Germantown, Pennsylvania	Charles Cornwallis William Howe	George Washington Nathanael Greene	British
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SARATOGA	Freedman Farm: Sept 19, 1777 Bemis Heights Oct 7, 1777	Saratoga County, New York	John Burgoyne	Benedict Arnold Daniel Morgan Horatio Gates	British  Patriot
	SIGNIFICANCE: Turning point of the Revolutionary War and persuaded the French military to support the Patriots with military aid.				
MONMOUTH	June 28, 1778	Monmouth, New Jersey	Henry Clinton Charles Cornwallis	George Washington Charles Lee Nathanael Greene	Draw
	SIGNIFICANCE: Both claim victory because British is able to move into New York City, but Patriots win in the long run. Charles Lee is court-marshaled and expelled from the army.				
COWPENS	Jan 17, 1781	Cowpens, South Carolina	Banestre Tarleton	Daniel Morgan	Patriot
	SIGNIFICANCE: Devastated British morale and increased Patriot confidence. It forced Charles Cornwallis to pull troops from South Carolina and into Virginia.				
YORKTOWN	Oct 9, 1781	Yorktown, Virginia	Charles Cornwallis	George Washington	Patriot
	SIGNIFICANCE: British and French forces cause Cornwallis to surrender, which ended the war.				

**SAMPLE SUMMARY QUESTIONS:**

What do the battles of Trenton and Princeton have in common? NEW JERSEY, G. WASHINGTON, PATRIOT WINS, PROVIDED HOPE

Which battles were won by the British? BRANDYWINE, GERMANTOWN, SARATOGA: FREEDMAN FARMS

Which battles featured Charles Cornwallis vs. George Washington? PRINCETON, BRANDYWINE, GERMANTOWN, YORKTOWN

Which battle encouraged foreign countries to aid the Americans? SARATOGA