

Revolutionary War Test Overview - Key

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John Locke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enlightenment thinker• Believed government existed to protect life, liberty, and property (natural rights)• If government no longer protected natural rights, its the responsibility of the people to rebel
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John Hancock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President of the Second Continental Congress• Signed his name the largest on the Declaration of Independence - wanted the King to see it without his glasses on• From Boston - ship owner, smuggler
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the Enlightenment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Movement that emphasized reason and logic to improve society• Leaders: John Locke & Ben Franklin
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Patriot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name given to those willing to fight against Britain• In support of the revolution
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Absention*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To not take part in• New York did not vote in the election for Independence
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Second Continental Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent the Olive Branch Petition to King George• Adopted the Massachusetts militia as the Continental Army and appointed George Washington as General• Voted for independence

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Vote for Independence*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted on July 2, 1776 • 12 for independence, 0 against, 1 abstention • John Dickinson (PA) did not sign the Declaration
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Battle of Lexington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Massachusetts • 800 Redcoats vs. 70 minutemen • Redcoats win and push on to Concord
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Battle of Concord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a store of guns and gunpowder, but Redcoats were unable to capture it • Redcoats retreat to Boston
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Capture of Fort Ticonderoga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort in New York - strategic location • Captured by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the Green Mountain Boys • Cannons were given to George Washington to place on Dorchester Heights
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Battle of Bunker Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took place on Breed's Hill • British charged up the hill 3 times - retreated on the first two, but was successful on the third attempt • British = "Tragic Victory" - lost 1,000 men • Patriots = "Moral Victory" - gained confidence
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Thomas Paine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote a pamphlet called Common Sense • Said citizens should make laws, not kings • Appealed to all because he used Bible verses instead of Greek literature

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Thomas Jefferson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Virginia • Credited as writer of the Declaration of Independence
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Loyalist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonists who chose to side with the British • Also known as "Tories"
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<i>Common Sense</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written by Thomas Paine • Said citizens should make laws, not kings • Appealed to all because it was written using Bible verses instead of Greek literature
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Declaration of Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted on July 4, 1776 • Announced our separation from Great Britain
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Declaration of Rights*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
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July 4, 1776	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date delegates accepted the Declaration of Independence • Known as our "Independence Day"

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Groups excluded from rights listed in the Declaration of Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women • Africans • Native Indians
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George Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commander of the Continental Army • At first, banned Africans from serving, but changed his mind. • Lost New York to General Howe
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Mary Ludwig Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicknamed “Molly Pitcher” • Brought water to the troops • Took her husband’s place loading cannons after he was injured
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Deborah Sampson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dressed as a man and fought in several battles
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Richard Montgomery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captured Montreal • Helped Benedict Arnold attack Quebec on New Years Eve = failed
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Benedict Arnold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys capture Fort Ticonderoga • Battle of Quebec - failed • Battle of Saratoga - success

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William Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of Bunker Hill • Retreated to Canada from Boston Harbor • Battle of Long Island = success • Sentenced Nathan Hale to death
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Nathan Hale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot officer and school teacher from Connecticut • Caught by the British and hanged as a spy • Last Words: "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"
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Charles Cornwallis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of Princeton = Tricked by G.W.
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John Burgoyne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy: take New York and cut off New England colonies • Retook Fort Ticonderoga • Battle of Saratoga = surrendered to Gates
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Marquis de Lafayette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought a ship and fought without pay • Spent \$200,000 of own money • Fought in Virginia • Encouraged France to aid the Patriots
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Friederich von Steuben	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prussian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained troops at Valley Forge

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Bernardo de Galvez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor of Louisiana • Seized forts in Florida
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John Paul Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naval hero - "Father of the Navy" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagship: <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> • Captured <i>Serapis</i> • "I have not yet begun to fight"
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George Rodgers Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led a band of Virginia volunteers on raids against the British in the Ohio River Valley
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Mercenaries / Hessians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired soldiers from Hesse (in Germany) • Fought for the British
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Battles in Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montreal: Captured by Patriots led by Richard Montgomery • Quebec: Benedict Arnold and Richard Montgomery lost = no chance of taking Canada
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Battle of Long Island / New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Washington vs. General Howe • British victory - took control of New York and held it for remaining 7 years of war • Outgunned, outmanned, outnumbered, outplanned

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Battle of Trenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 1776 - New Jersey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raided from across the Delaware River • Christmas night • Patriot Victory • (See battle chart)
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Battle of Princeton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 1777 - New Jersey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G.W. tricked Cornwallis by lighting fires • Patriot Victory (British surrender) • (See battle chart)
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Abandonment of Fort Ticonderoga*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Burgoyne recaptures it after retreating to Canada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given up easily • British are forced to abandon it after their loss at the Battle of Saratoga: Bemis Heights
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Battle of Brandywine*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 1777 - Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed the British to take Philadelphia in the winter • British Victory • (See battle chart)
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Battles of Saratoga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedman's Farm: Sept 1777 - New York <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Victory • Bemis Heights: Oct 1777 - New York <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot Victory • (See battle chart)
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Battle of Germantown*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 1777 - Pennsylvania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed the British to take Philadelphia in the winter • British Victory • (See battle chart)

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Aid from European Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solidified after the Patriot victory at Saratoga • France • Spain • Holland
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Valley Forge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the colonists settled for the winter of 1777-1778 • Bitter cold, malnutrition, diseases, and poor living conditions • (See handout)
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Battle of Monmouth*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1778 - New Jersey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Lee makes horrible decision • Many die due to heat stroke • Draw - both claim victory • (See battle chart)
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<i>Bonhomme Richard</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Paul Jones' flagship • Defeated the <i>HMS Serapis</i>
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<i>Serapis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British ship • Defeated by the <i>Bonhomme Richard</i>
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Banestre Tarleton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of Cowpens = lost to Daniel Morgan • Take no prisoners attitude

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Horatio Gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot General • Battles of Saratoga
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Nathanael Greene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot General • Battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth
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Francis Marion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nickname: "Swamp Fox" • Used guerrilla warfare • Led quick strikes on British communication and supply routes
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Comte de Rochambeau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Patriot General • Battle of Yorktown - on land • Tipped by Hercules Mulligan which led to the Battle at Yorktown
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traitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convicted of treason • Betrays one's country • Example: Benedict Arnold
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guerilla warfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift hit-and-run attacks • Used by Francis Marion

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Battle of Cowpens*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 1781 - South Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devastated the British • Patriot Victory • (see battle chart)
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Battle of Yorktown*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 1781 - Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comte de Rochambeau tipped off by Hercules Mulligan • Patriot Victory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing "The World Turned Upside Down" as they retreat • (see battle chart)
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Treaty of Paris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1783 • Took two years to agree • Negotiator: Ben Franklin, John Adams, John Jay • Extended America's border to the Mississippi River