

Important Events of the Revolutionary War

Event, Location & Date	Description	Outcome
<p>Bunker Hill</p> <p>Boston, MA</p> <p>June 17, 1775</p>	<p>Colonists position themselves on top of hill and build earthworks to hide behind. Colonists were low on ammunition, so they had to wait to fire until they could 'see the whites of the enemies' eye'. The British rushed the hill 2 times with no success. When they rushed the hill the 3rd time, the British won because colonists retreat when they run out of ammo (even though the British lost more soldiers than the Patriots).</p>	<p>British lost many men. British realized colonists were going to fight. Colonists knew they could beat the mighty British Army if they fought smartly.</p>
<p>Battle of Trenton</p> <p>Trenton, NJ</p> <p>December 25, 1776</p> <p>(Crossing the Delaware)</p>	<p>The Patriots crossed the Delaware River in rowboats. Then they marched ten miles to Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessian troops were sleeping. The Hessians were German soldiers who were helping the British. They were known to be "giants" because they were larger than the average British person. The fighting only lasted for one hour before the Hessians surrendered.</p>	<p>The Patriot soldiers won!!</p> <p>This gave the soldiers hope for the future.</p>
<p>Battle of Saratoga</p> <p>Saratoga, NY</p> <p>October 17, 1777</p>	<p>British strategy was to cut the colonies in two. It didn't work because one army did not show up, one army arrived late and the last army was easily defeated. The Patriots attacked in a way (guerilla warfare- like the Native Americans) that the British were not used to.</p>	<p>Colonial Army won.</p> <p>France decided to help out the colonists.</p>



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<p>(This is not a battle.) Valley Forge</p> <p>Valley Forge, PA Winter of 1777-1778</p>	<p>Washington and his troops stayed in Valley Forge, PA during the winter. Many died of hunger, disease, or from the weather. Many also deserted the army. However, Washington used this time to train the soldiers. After Valley Forge, they were more like a united army than separate colonial militias.</p>	<p>Colonial army nearly crumbled because they lost so many soldiers.</p> <p>Those who stayed trusted Gen. Washington to lead them to victory.</p>
<p>Battle at Kettle Creek</p> <p>Kettle Creek, GA February 14, 1779</p>	<p>It was a small battle on the banks of Kettle Creek. The Patriots outnumbered the British by 2:1. The Patriots surprise attacked the British</p>	<p>This battle was a morale booster because it gave the colonists confidence that they could win the war after all.</p> <p>Patriots won the battle and this kept the British from taking over Georgia.</p>
<p>Battle of Yorktown</p> <p>Yorktown, VA October 19, 1781</p>	<p>British Army sets up camp on a peninsula. Washington's army blocks them in to the west and the French navy blocks them to the east. They are trapped.</p>	<p>Br. Gen. Cornwallis surrenders to Gen. Washington.</p> <p>Colonial Army wins the war.</p> <p>Colonists are free from British rule.</p>