

#### Chapter 6

#### The Revolution





## What do you think?

By the end of 1775, the colonists had no choice but to seek full independence from England.

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#### From Rebellion to Revolution

 From 1776 to1783, American patriots fought a long and difficult war with Britain

### **Underlying Causes**

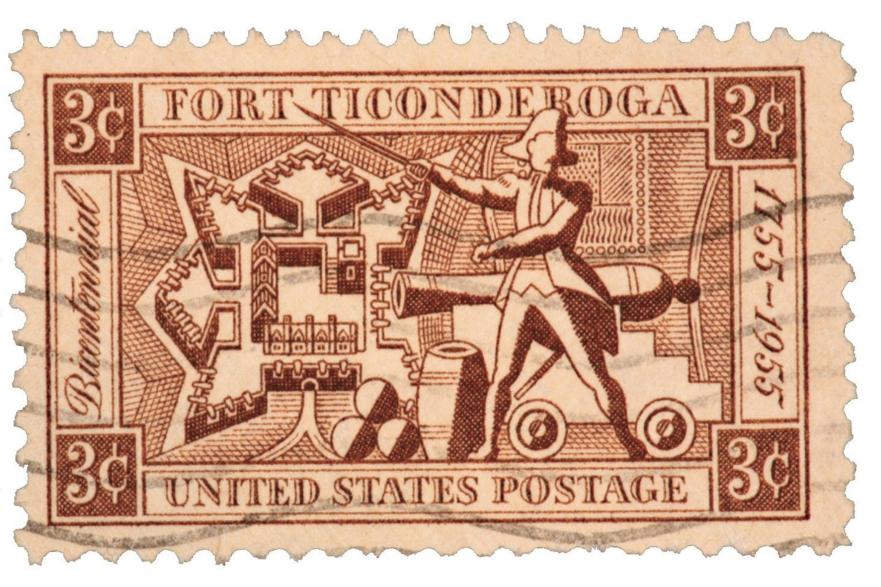
- Colonies had formed a unique society distinct from that of England
- Large sectors of the North American economy were becoming increasingly independent of England

### **Precipitating Events**

- The Widening War
- Uncompromising Britain
- The Shift in American Opinion



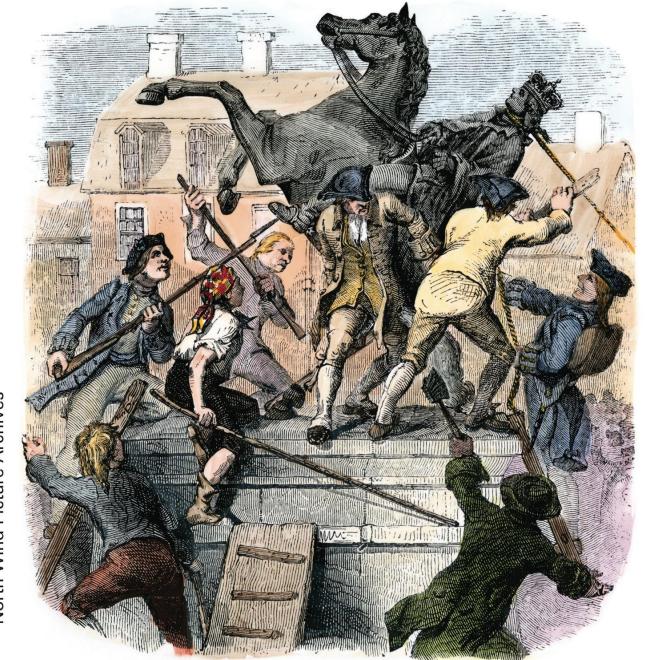
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## Choosing Sides

- The Loyalists
- The Revolutionaries





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# The Declaration of Independence

- The Drafting
- The Declaration
- The Signing

#### COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE

#### INHABITANTS

OF

#### AMERICA,

On the following interesting

#### SUBJECTS

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the English Constitution.
- II. Of Monarchy and Hereditary Succession.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, with some miscellaneous Reflections.

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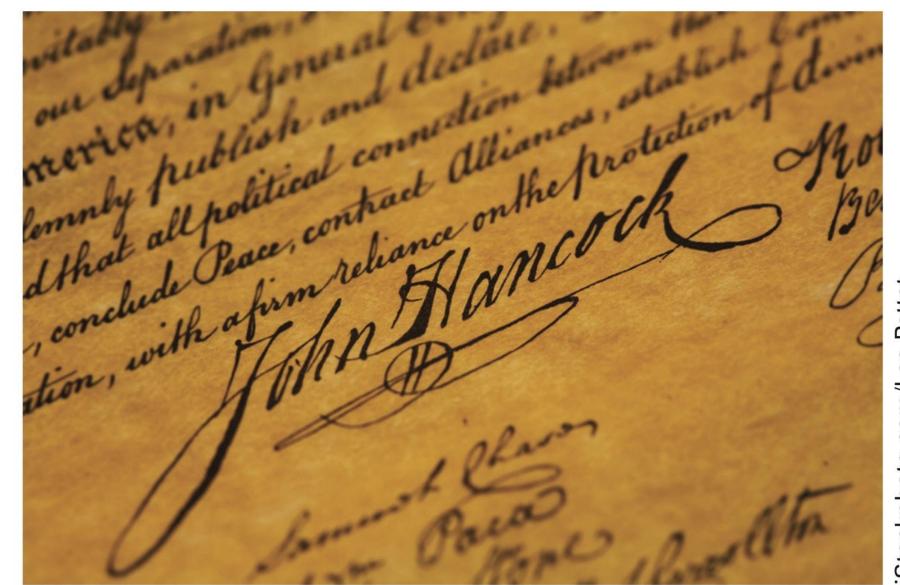
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# The War for Independence

The Revolution now had a goal—political independence



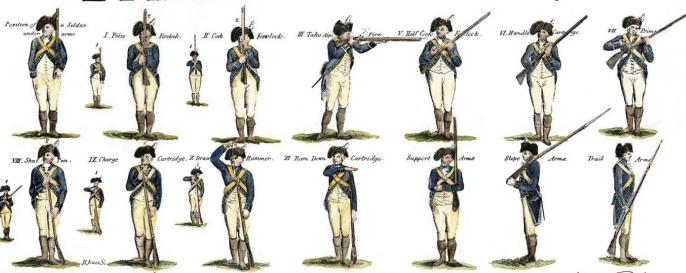
### The Opposing Sides

- The Continental Army
- The Revolutionary Government and Finances
- The British Army

## TO ALL BRAVE, HEALTHY, ABLE BODIED, AND WELL DISPOSED YOUNG MEN, IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD, WHO HAVE ANY INCLINATION TO JOIN THE TROOPS, NOW RAISING UNDER

LIBERTIES AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Against the hostile defigns of foreign enemies,



THAT

Alicadaly, locations day Thursday fricary and Saturday at Shobwood in Stindals of the 11th regiment of with his mufic and recruiting party of Saturday. Occumy, attendance will be given by Lindley of the 11th regiment of infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Ogden, for the purpole of receiving the enrollment of inch youth of spirit, as may be willing to enter into this honorable fervice.

The Encouragement at this time, to enlift, is truly liberal and generous, namely, a bounty of Twelve dollars, an annual and fully sufficient supply of good and handsome cloathing, a daily allowance of a large and ample ration of provisions, together with sixty dollars a year in Gold and silver money on account of pay, the whole of which the soldier may lay up for himself and friends, as all articles proper for his substitute and comfort are provided by law, without any expence to him.

Those who may favour this recruiting party with their attendance as above, will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing in a more particular manner, the great advantages which these brave men will have, who shall embrace this opportunity of hearing and seeing in a more particular manner, the great advantages which these brave men will have, who shall embrace this opportunity of spending a few happy years in viewing the different parts of this beautiful continent, in the honourable and truly respectable character of a soldier, after which, he may, if he pleases return home to his friends, with his pockets full of money and his head coverned with laurels.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES.

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The above recruiting poster of the Revolution, representing American soldiers going through their drill, is a fac-simile of the only copy known to have been preserved, which is now in the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Editor.



George Washington in the uniform of a Colonel of the Virginia Militia during the French & Indian War (1755–63) (colour litho), Peale, Charles Willson (1741–1827) (after)/Private Collection, Peter Newark American Pictures/The Bridgeman Art Library



## The Second Phase of the War, 1776–1779

- Early British Successes
- Crossing the Delaware
- Reversal of Fortune
- The French Alliance
- The War in the West
- The Winter of 1777–1778



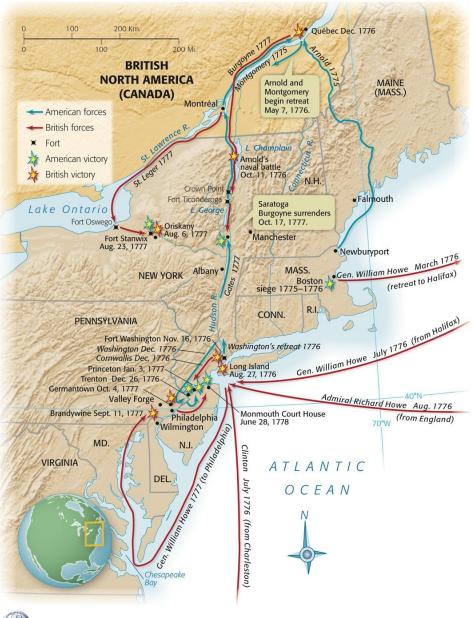
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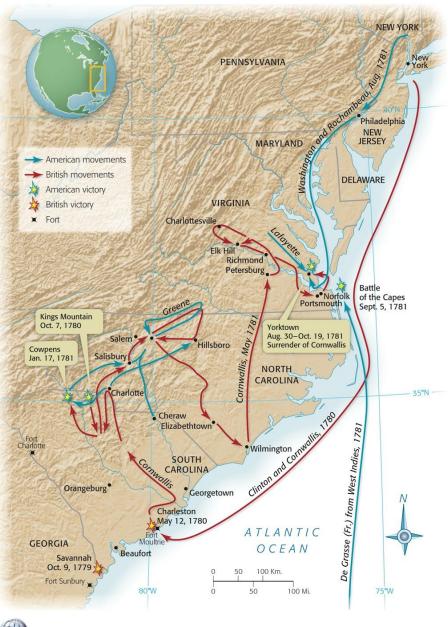
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## The Third Phase of the War, 1778–1781

- Giving Up on New England
- Britain's Southern Plan
- Washington and Greene's Strategy for Victory
- Yorktown and Victory
- Newburgh Conspiracy



Map 6.1. Revolutionary War in the North



Map 6.2. Revolutionary War in the South

# Peace Negotiations, 1782–1783

The Treaty of Paris

#### Significance of the War

- War-related deaths was 25,000, with another 25,000 injured
- Smallpox epidemic killed 130,000 colonists
- War longer than the Civil War, World War
   I, or World War II
- War divided the colonists between Loyalists, rebels, and those indifferent to either side
- Six major results

### The Impact on Politics

- republican democracy
- formal separation of church and state
- limited(but growing) access to the ballot

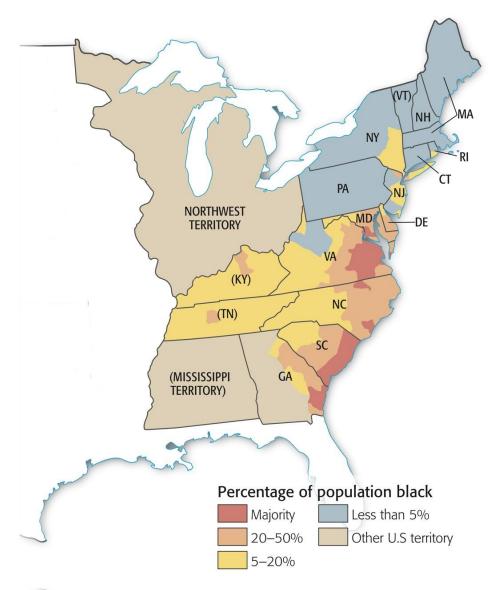
# The Impact on American Nationalism

 The revolution unified (most) colonists as Americans

### The Impact on Slavery

- War triggered the slow and gradual abolition of slavery in the North
- 50,000 fewer slaves after the war than before it
- By 1790, most states outlawed the importation of slaves from abroad





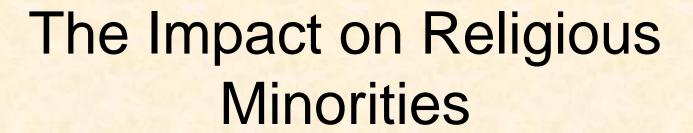
Map 6.3. Distribution of African American Population, 1790

#### The Impact on Native America

- War served as a pretext to remove Indian tribes and empty Indian land for landhungry colonists
- By the end of the war, one-third of the Iroquois nation was dead

### The Impact on Women

- Women played key roles during the Revolution: boycotts, clothing, fund raising for the army, and limited combat
- New Jersey for a short period allowed its women to vote
- "Republican motherhood"



- Great Awakening viewed as an early form of revolutionary activity
- American concerns about an established church
- Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom



Chronology	
1763	End of salutary neglect
1775	Local conflicts escalate
January 1776	Tom Paine's Common Sense
July 1776	Declaration of Independence
<b>December 25, 1776</b>	Crossing the Delaware
September–October 1777	Battle of Saratoga
1778	France enters war on the side of the United States
1779	Britain invades the South
1780	Inland battles force British away from supply lines
October 1781	Yorktown and American victory

What else was happening	
July 4, 1777	The United States celebrates its first birthday. Ships lined up on the Delaware River discharge thirteen cannon shots in honor of the thirteen states.
1778	New Orleans businessman Oliver Pollock creates the \$ symbol.
1784	A new trade route opens for Americans when the Empress of China sails from New Jersey around Cape Horn in South America to China.
1787	The first U.S. penny, designed by Benjamin Franklin, is minted.
1789	The French Revolution begins, initiating a long bat- tle in France over "liberty, equality, and fraternity."
1790	The cornerstone of the mansion known as the White House is laid.