

8th Grade
American Revolution
Study Guide

- Why is the French & Indian War sometimes referred to as the First World War?
- What caused the French & Indian War?
- Who fought in the French & Indian War?
- What years did the French & Indian War take place?
- What did France lose at the end of the French & Indian War?
- How did the French & Indian War lead to tension between the colonists and the British?
- Who was the king of England during the American Revolution?
- What year did the American Revolution begin and what year did it end?
- Who was involved in the American Revolution?
- What color uniforms did the Patriots/Continental Army wear?
- What color uniforms did the British Soldiers wear?
- What were two common nicknames for British soldiers?
- What were the major reason colonists desired independence?
- What did loyalists believe? Also, what type of colonist was generally a loyalist during the American Revolution?
- What did patriots believe? Also, what type of colonist was generally a patriot during the American Revolution?
- Be able to identify the differences of the acts and events that led to rebellion:
 - Proclamation of 1763
 - Sugar Act
 - Stamp Act
 - Boston Massacre
 - Tea Act
 - Boston Tea Party
 - The Intolerable Acts
 - “The Shot Heard Round the World” (Battle of Lexington)
- How was propaganda used by the American colonists against the British in response to the Boston Massacre?
- What caused the Boston Massacre and how many people were killed?

- Why was boycotting practiced during the American Revolution?
- Which act led to the Boston Tea Party?
- What acts punished the colonists in Boston for destroying British tea?
- What was the Olive Branch Petition?
- Who wrote Common Sense and what impact did it have?
- Who drafted the Declaration of Independence?
- When was the Declaration signed?
- Be able to list the 4 main parts of the Declaration of Independence and summarize what was found in each section.
- What did the Declaration proclaim to King George? What was its purpose?
- How did England view the Declaration of Independence?
- What was the danger in being a signed of the Declaration?
- Why was the Declaration of Independence and important document?
- Which European country assisted the colonists as the war went on? Why did this country join the American colonists?
- What was the document that was signed to end the American Revolution? What year was it signed?
- Be able to list strengths and weaknesses of the both the British and the colonists.
- Please review key terms on Quizlet—They are fair game on the test!