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UNIT NARRATIVE

In this unit on "The Revolutionary Era," students will primarily learn about the causes, key events, and significant figures of the American Revolution. They will explore major historical eras in U.S. history, with a specific emphasis on analyzing the political and economic issues that led to the American Revolution, such as the Proclamation of 1763, the Stamp Act, and the lack of representation, including the Intolerable Acts. Students will gain a deep understanding of pivotal moments like the Declaration of Independence, significant battles such as Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown, and the conclusion of the war with the Treaty of Paris of 1783. They will also learn about the grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence and the concept of unalienable rights.

Beyond the core events, students will also be learning about the individuals who shaped this period. This includes identifying key figures like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Abigail Adams, and understanding their contributions. They will analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution during this time and explore instances of civil disobedience, such as the Boston Tea Party, understanding the reasons behind them. Furthermore, the unit will cover the contributions of diverse groups and women to the Revolution, as well as recognize examples of American art, music, and literature from this era, providing a well-rounded understanding of the period's impact on American society and culture.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE



1763
British win the 7-yr French-Indian war at great cost

1765
Stamp Act passed but repealed in 1766 after protests



1770
Boston Massacre
Townshend Acts repealed

1774
Coercive Acts passed to punish Boston Tea Party.
1st Continental Congress meet



1776
Declaration of Independence of USA

1781
Gen. Cornwallis surrenders
War of Independence ends

1764
Sugar Act, Currency Act is passed

1767
Townshend Acts (glass, lead, paint, paper, tea)
Colonists protest and boycott British imports (1768-69)

1773
Tea Act
Boston Tea Party



1775
Battles of Lexington and Concord
2nd Continental Congress

1778
France recognizes US

1783
Treaty of Paris: Britain recognizes USA



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CONTENT STANDARDS

Below are the standards **taught** and **assessed** in this unit.

The Revolutionary Era		Connected Knowledge and Skills: 8.15, 8.19, 8.20, 8.22, 8.23
8.4 History: The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary...era.		
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
2-5 Items	<p>8.1A: identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ...revolution...and describe their causes and effects.</p> <p>8.4A: analyze causes of the American Revolution including the Proclamation of 1763, the Intolerable Acts, the Stamp Act, Mercantilism, lack of representation in Parliament, and British economic policies following the French and Indian War.</p> <p>8.4C: explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence; fighting the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783,</p> <p>8.11A: analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States.</p> <p>8.15C: identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence...</p> <p>8.19A: define and give examples of unalienable rights</p>	<p>8.1B: Explain the significance of the following dates: ...1776, adoption of the Declaration of Independence.</p> <p>8.4B: explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including Abigail Adams, John Adams, Wentworth Cheswell, Samuel Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, James Armistead, Benjamin Franklin, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington.</p> <p>8.10A: locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the 17th, 18th, ...centuries</p> <p>8.20A: evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue.</p> <p>8.20B: analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. History, such as the Boston Tea Party.</p> <p>8.22B: describe the contribution of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States, such as ...John Paul Jones...</p> <p>8.23D: analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity.</p> <p>8.23E: identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society.</p> <p>8.26A: identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras...</p>

UNDERSTANDINGS, QUESTIONS

Key Questions

- What was the British attitude about the American colonies?
- What was lost and gained in the French and Indian War?
- What kind of taxes did Great Britain levy against the colonists? Why did they oppose paying these taxes?
- What actions did the British government take that angered the colonists? How did the colonists respond?
- What really happened at the Boston Massacre?
- What is propaganda and how did the Sons of Liberty use it to their advantage?
- What happened at the major battles of the American Revolution? What were the effects?
- Who were the military leaders of the American Revolution?
- What does the Declaration of Independence mean?
- What did the United States get for winning the American Revolution?

Unit At-A-Glance

Lesson 01: Mercantilism and the Navigation Acts

Lesson 02: The French and Indian War

Lesson 03: The Proclamation of 1763 and Other Colonial Acts

Lesson 04: The Quartering Act and the Boston Massacre

Lesson 05: The Boston Tea Party and the Intolerable Acts

Lesson 06: Prelude to War _Part 1

Lesson 07: Patriots vs. Loyalists

Lesson 08: Prelude to War_Part 2

Lesson 09: Major Events of the American Revolution_Day 1

Lesson 10: Major Events of the American Revolution_Day 2

Lesson 11: Capture the Flag (American Revolution Historical Simulation)

Flex Day

Unit 2 Assessment