

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

What was the American Revolution?

The **American Revolution** was the name of the war that the colonists fought to gain their freedom from Great Britain. A revolution is an **overthrow** of one's government.



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Why did the American Revolution take place?

The American Revolution took place because the colonists and Great Britain disagreed about:

- **Taxation without representation:** the colonists had no say over the taxes that Great Britain wanted them to pay;
- **Trade agreements:** the British would allow the colonists to trade only with them;
- **Self-government:** the colonists wanted more say in their own government.

The American Revolution began on **April 19, 1775** in the towns of **Lexington and Concord**, Massachusetts, and lasted until 1782 when peace talks were begun.

Where did the Revolutionary War take place?

Battles took place in many of the colonies and even in Canada. Fighting occurred in:

- Fort Ticonderoga
- Bennington
- Saratoga
- Princeton
- Trenton
- Yorktown
- Savannah
- Charleston
- ...and dozens of other locations in colonial America.

Was there an Agreement that Ended the War?



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The peace treaty
The Treaty of P

in Paris in 1783.
provided that:

- The **United States of America** was a free and independent country.
- The **northern boundary** of the new United States was set at the **Great Lakes**.
- The **western boundary** of the new United States would be the **Mississippi River**.
- The **southern boundary** of the new United States was set at **Florida**.