

Major Issues on the War and Peace - Look for the **yellow** – such as **Saratoga** and **Yorktown**

The first 6 issues are information selected from Revolution in Action. (Click [here](#) if you want to see the complete Revolution in Action or if you want an explanation of the column headings used.) Revolution in Action uses current abbreviations for states to identify the equivalent colony; for example, MA is used for Massachusetts. These specific abbreviations are used:

Br.= British – Those in the colonies who favor the British are called Loyalists or Tories.

Pat. = Patriot (also called Whig), those who favored the American Revolution

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1776 and Beyond – Essential Foreign Help

If Military Event ▶	H e s s i a n s	I n d i a n s	B r i t i s h	L o y a l i s t s	P a t r i o t s	F r e n c h	Casualty Status ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s	Type ▶	U n o r t h o d o x ?	Significance OR General Event ▼	Victor ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s
When? ▼							Where?/Who? ▼			What? ▼					
1776-05							—			—		French secretly give munitions to Pat.—Ex: 80% of gunpowder 1776-77 [<i>Question: Why is France helping the Pat.? Remember their defeat in 1763 in the French and Indian War and their earlier wars? Remember also the old line “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”</i>]	-	-	
1776-07							—			—		2nd Continental Congress, Declaration of Independence passed. [The other webpage for this chapter covers the Declaration of Independence.] Subsequent: Benjamin Franklin to France as lobbyist [Benjamin Franklin’s role is clarified in the other webpage for this chapter. He manipulates the French intelligentsia’s belief in the Noble Savage.]	-	-	
1776-07 +							—			—		Foreign experts such as: Marquis de Lafayette (unpaid) Thaddeus Kosciusko – engineer Baron von Steuben [<i>Question: What does it tell you about the goals of this war that foreigners will come to fight? The Marquis de Lafayette will be instrumental not just in the American Revolution, but in the French one as well.</i>]	-	-	

1776 and Beyond – Government and Funding and Troops and Supplies

If Military Event ▶	H e s s i a n s	I n d i a n s	B r i t i s h	L o y a l i s t s	P a t r i o t s	F r e n c h	Casualty Status ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s	Type ▶	U n o r t h o d o x ?	Victor ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s
When? ▼							Where?/Who? ▼			What? ▼		Significance OR General Event ▼		
1780-05							NJ: no supplies at Washington's camp			Continental currency worthless, soldiers receiving 1/8 of regular rations		Soldiers demanding back pay, but blocked by PA troops. <i>[Question: What do these events and the vulnerability of the Continental currency tell you? Scan down to the similar events of 1781 and 1783. How vulnerable is the Pat. army?]</i>	-	-
1781-01							PA: mutiny by 1500 out of 2400 veteran soldiers			New recruits were getting currency not paper. 1/1779 – 8 to 1; 12/1779 –40 to 1		Put down militarily; 2 executions. (See also 1780-05 and 1783-03.)	-	-
1783-03							Pat. mutiny, pay			—		Washington calms the mutiny	-	-

1775 and Beyond – What Happened to **Slaves in the Revolutionary War** and After the War

If Military Event ▶	H e s s i a n s	I n d i a n s	B r i t i s h	L o y a l i s t s	P a t r i o t s	F r e n c h	Casualty Status ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s	Type ▶	U n o r t h o d o x ?	Victor ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s
When? ▼							Where?/Who? ▼			What? ▼		Significance OR General Event ▼		
1775-12			X	X			VA: Br. governor – martial law, slave and Loyalist recruitment. VA: Great Bridge			Raised a slave regiment (promise of freedom). ¹ Br. defeated by Virginians, North Carolinians		Obviously led to planter class concerns [<i>Question: If the Southerners might have a stronger commitment to the Br. (as the Br. expected--or hoped), then how will the planter class and those concerned about a former slave population set free among them feel about Br. attempts to recruit slaves to fight the Pat. in return for freedom? Is that a smart move for the Br. to make if they want Southern support?</i>]		X

¹ The blacks recruited to this and other service had a mixed fate. Some were sold into slavery; some were settled in Nova Scotia by the British; and some migrated to Sierra Leone (West Africa). (Source: Brendan McConville, essay in the *Oxford Companion to American History*, p. 668)

1777 - **Saratoga** and Its Significance

If Military Event ▶	H e s s i a n s	I n d i a n s	B r i t i s h	L o y a l i s t s	P a t r i o t s	F r e n c h	Casualty Status ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s	Type ▶	U n o r t h o d o x ?	Significance OR General Event ▼	Victor ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s
When? ▼							Where?/Who? ▼			What? ▼					
1777-08 (1st)		X	X		X		Br. plan – Burgoyne, one wing NY: Oriskany Leader: Mohawk Joseph Brant (alliance of 3 remaining Iroquois nations...)		H	Successful ambush of the Pat. and a near defeat of them, but Br. wing retreats.		Adds to the anti-Indian view of colonists Adds to volunteers joining Pat. to defend their region from violent Indian attack Blocks a wing of Burgoyne's forces			X
1777-08 (2nd)			X		X		Br. plan – Burgoyne – a force sent to get supplies followed by another force sent to reinforce them VT: Bennington	H		Pat. volunteers + veterans defeat Br. in multiple engagements		Burgoyne withdraws to Saratoga Pat. volunteers (citizen soldiers) coming forward			X
1777-10			X		X		PA: Germantown Gen. George Washington		H	Washington's attack unsuccessful		Washington to Valley Forge for winter		-	-
1777-10			X		X		Br. plan – Burgoyne NY: Saratoga but also on the Hudson with Br. fleet burning a city	H		Pat. had entrenched position and had multiple engagements		Burgoyne surrenders 5,700.soldiers—a turning point in the war because it leads to French support			X
1777-12							—			—		News of the Pat. victory at Saratoga ... Br. Lord North: offer of home rule		-	-

							<p>(by April) French...: offer of open support by treaty (Feb.)</p> <p>French will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ navy▪ expeditionary force▪ money▪ munitions <p>Implication: international support for Pat. by the enemies of Britain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ France▪ Spain▪ the Netherlands		
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1781 – Yorktown and Its Significance – and the Essential Role of the French

If Military Event ▶	H e s s i a n s	I n d i a n s	B r i t i s h	L o y a l i s t s	P a t r i o t s	F r e n c h	Casualty Status ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s	Type ▶	U n o r t h o d o x ?	Significance OR General Event ▼	Victor ▶	B r i t i s h	P a t r i o t s
When? ▼							Where?/Who? ▼			What? ▼					
1781-03			X	X			NC: Guilford Courthouse	H2		Additional guerrilla warfare by Francis Marion. Tarleton (of Tarleton's quarter—see 1780-08)— 350 killed after surrender.	Y	Blocks Cornwallis Southern campaign—needs reinforcement.		X	
1781-05			X	X			VA: Cornwallis campaigns			Tarleton (see 1781-03) almost takes Jefferson (then governor of VA) and the legislature.		Cornwallis, under Clinton's orders, retreats to Yorktown		-	-
1781-05 +						X	Major force of French navy, expeditionary force arrive			Washington leaves a deceptive force in the North and heads South.	Y			-	-
1781-10			X	X	X		NY: Yorktown			—		Cornwallis surrenders 7,500			X
1782-02							Br. Lord North's ministry fails							-	-

² Br. 100 dead, 400 wounded

1782 - Terms of the Peace (and What Happened to the Loyalists)

If Military Event	Hessians	Indians	British	Loyalists	Patriots	French	Casualty Status	British	Patriots	Type	Unorthodox?	Significance OR General Event	Victor	British	Patriots
When?							Where?/Who?			What?					
1782-02 +							Pat. negotiators: Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, John Adams			—		Pat. negotiators are Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay. Treaty (Preliminary peace in November)—separate negotiation with Britain (Spain wanted Gibraltar); Franklin keeps peace with Vergennes. The peace terms included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the independence of the U.S. • Territory from Canada to Florida and the Atlantic to the Mississippi (although the Br. did not rapidly leave the territories) • Recommendation to the States of restoration of Loyalists' rights and property (although the American States did not) 	-	-	
1783-03							Pat. mutiny, pay			—		Washington calms the mutiny	-	-	
1783-04							NY: 7,000 Loyalists leave					Total: 100,000 leave for Europe or Canada because of the animosities (An estimated 1/5 to	-	-	

										1/3 of the colonists are Loyalists.)		
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