

Social Studies Final Study Guide (1st Semester)

Exam Date: Monday December 11th

Events of the Revolutionary War

Students should know/ be able to explain:

- Boston Massacre- Event in which 5 colonists were shot and killed, one of which was African American Crispus Attucks.
- The Acts, such as the Intolerable Acts, the Stamp Act, Tea Act, etc. were all reasons the colonists protested against the British.
- The Sons of Liberty was a group that formed in protest of the actions of the British.
- “No Taxation Without Representation” was a slogan chanted by the colonists throughout the war.
- The Intolerable Acts were passed in response to the Boston Tea Party.

People of the Revolutionary War

Students should know/ be able to explain:

- Patrick Henry was known for his speech to the colonists that ended with “Give me liberty, or give me death.”
- Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence. He later became the 3rd U.S. president.
- Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin can be considered “Founding Fathers” of the United States.
- Paul Revere was a hero because he stood up for the colonists to the British.
- George Washington was the leader of the Continental Army during the American Revolution.
- Ben Franklin- He was a printer, scientist, and inventor who helped write the Declaration of Independence. He also invented the lightning rod and bifocal glasses.
- John Adams- This man from Boston was one of the writers and signers of the Declaration of Independence. He later served as George Washington's Vice President and as the second U.S. President.
- King George III- This was the ruler of Great Britain during the American Revolution. Colonists blamed him for causing the conflict between the colonies and England.
- Tyrant- This term is used to describe a person who rules as a harsh dictator; it is what the colonists accused King George of being.

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Factors Leading to the Victory of the Revolutionary War

Students should know/ be able to explain:

- The Boston Harbor was the primary harbor and place here many of the anti-british protests occurred.
- The Battle of Lexington and Concord was the first battle of the Revolutionary War. The first shots were fired here.
- The Battle of Saratoga was a turning point in the war. It is when the Continental Army finally defeated the British and gave them hope that they could win the whole war. The French began to help after this battle.
- During the final major battle, the Battle of Yorktown, the French became an ally (friend) of the American people. The french launched naval ships and surrounded General Cornwallis' troops.
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Declaration of Independence

Students should know/ be able to explain:

- The Declaration of Independence was a document on which the colonists could lists all of their grievances (complaints) about the British government. It is where the colonists officially announced that they wished to separate from the British empire.
- The Declaration of Independence was officially signed and shared with the colonist people on July 4, 1776.
- “All men are created free and equal” - Quotation that was written in the Declaration of Independence.
- According to the Declaration, everyone has the right to these things- “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.