

American Revolution Colonial Newspaper Webquest

The Big Idea: Freedom was so important to the colonists that they were willing to suffer terrible hardships and years of war to win it!

The American Revolution was a difficult time in American history. Colonists fought against their own government to secure independence in order to create the United States of America.

Task 1:

Your task will be to design a newspaper that highlights several important aspects of the American Revolution. Your stories should be based on facts from researching this time period. Your newspaper should reflect your understanding of THE BIG IDEA.

You are an 18th century journalist. You will be publishing a colonial-style newspaper that highlights the people, the places, and events leading up to the Revolutionary War. It will show how the colonists won their freedom. You will demonstrate what you know about the main events, war heroes, facts, and quotes, as well as how you feel about the American Revolution. You will be combining these articles into your very own newspaper! (You may use Microsoft Publisher Newsletter template or create your own in Word.)

Assignment Rubric

Part 1: Battle Article

Your article should summarize the following information:

- Answers to the 5 "W" questions (who, what, why, when, where)
- A description of the action
- Key participants from the American and British side

- Date and specific location of the battle
- Which side won the battle
- Find a picture and write a caption to describes the battle you are writing about

Suggested Battles: [Lexington and Concord](#), [Bunker Hill](#), [Fort Washington](#), [Trenton](#), [Saratoga](#), [Savannah](#), [Yorktown](#), [Valley Forge](#)

Resources:

[More information on the suggested battles](#)

Part 2: Revolutionary War Hero/Leader/V.I.P. Story

Your article should summarize the following information:

- Which side the person supported
- A summary of their major accomplishments
- A description of how their life ended
- Find a picture and write a caption of your person

Suggested Leaders/Heroes: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Paul Jones, Edward Braddock, King George III, Joseph Martin, Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, Charles Cornwallis

Resources:

[World Book Encyclopedia](#)

[Important people of the American Revolution](#)

Part 3: Revolutionary War Facts and Quote Article

- You will research and choose 10 facts about the war that you found interesting .
- Your facts should be written in complete sentences and provide

- specific details that carefully describe your selection.
- You will include at least one picture and write a caption of what the fact is you include in your article.
 - You are also to choose 3 quotes and their authors that will be remembered during the American Revolution.
 - You will also include a picture of the author of the quotation with a caption written by you.