

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

- Thomas Paine, 1776

Assignment:

The Revolution was a challenging time in American history. Colonists fought against their own government for an independent United States of America. You will design a newspaper highlighting several important aspects of the American Revolution. You will write newspaper articles using **fact-based evidence** in paragraph-style stories, not bullet-points. Your newspaper must have a publication name, print date, and colonial city of publication. **Include an article for each of the following topics.**

Write stories using Microsoft Word and use Microsoft Publisher to create your newspaper layout.

A. Revolutionary War Battle Stories

Choose two of the major battles of the Revolutionary War and write two paragraph-length summaries (150-300 words each) that include:

- answers to the 5 "W" questions (who, what, when, where, and WHY did a battle take place at that place and time)
- descriptions of the action
- key participants from the American and British side
- which side won each battle
- include pictures and captions that describe each battle

Suggested battles:

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| • Lexington and Concord | • Princeton | • Savannah |
| • Bunker Hill | • Fort Ticonderoga | • Cowpens |
| • Long Island | • Saratoga | • Guildford Court House |
| • Illinois Campaign | • Monmouth | • Yorktown |
| • Trenton | • Brandywine | |

B. Revolutionary War Leaders Stories

Choose two of the leaders of the Revolutionary War and write two long paragraph summaries (150-300 words each) that includes:

- which side the leader supported
- their role in the war
- a summary of their major accomplishments
- a description of how their life after the war
- a picture with a caption that describes each leader

Suggested Leaders:

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| • George Washington | • Benedict Arnold | • Ethan Allen |
| • George Rogers Clark | • Charles Cornwallis | • Thomas Jefferson |
| • Joseph Martin | • George III | • John Paul Jones |
| • John Burgoyne | • Samuel Adams | |
| • Edward Braddock | • Nathaniel Greene | |

C. Unsung Hero Story

Choose a group or an individual that played a key role during the American Revolution that may not have received the attention they deserved. Write a short paragraph (100-150 words) describing the key people that were involved and any accomplishments they are remembered for. Suggested topics: women, Native Americans, African Americans

D. Revolutionary War Facts

Based on your research, choose five facts about the war that you think others may learn from and find very interesting. Your facts should be written in complete sentences and provide specific details that carefully describe your selection. Facts must be in-depth.

E. Revolutionary War Quotations

Choose two quotations and their authors that were well remembered after the American Revolution. Explain the meaning of quotation including describing the context in which it was spoken or written.

F. Political Cartoon

Draw an original political cartoon that is reflective of the event. It must be relevant to the topic and original. A caption must accompany the cartoon. The message of the cartoon must be clear.

Rubric:

25 pts: Revolutionary War Battle Stories

- includes two battles
- answers the 5 "W" questions (who, what, when, where, why)
- includes a description of the action
- includes key participants from the American and British side
- includes date and specific location of the battle
- includes which side won the battle
- includes pictures and captions that enhance the news story
- uses correct grammar and spelling

25 pts: Revolutionary War Leaders Stories

- includes two leaders
- includes which side each leader supported
- includes a summary of their major accomplishments
- describes how their life ended
- includes picture and caption that enhances the news story
- uses correct grammar and spelling

20 pts: Revolutionary War Unsung Hero Story

- includes a description of the accomplishments of an individual or a group that did not have a major role during the war
- uses correct grammar and spelling

10 pts: Revolutionary War Facts

- includes five complete sentences that provide specific details about events that happened during this time period
- uses correct grammar and spelling

15 pts: Revolutionary Political Cartoon

- political cartoon was original & reflected an event or person relevant to the war
- caption included
- uses correct grammar and spelling

5 pts: Revolutionary War Quotations

- includes two appropriate quotations and their authors
- explains the context of each quote
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

– Thomas Paine, 1776