

# THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Strategy:

Because of colonist's lack of organization, they didn't conduct many strategic plans; they just got all the aid they could get and fought hard and full heartedly to defeat the British invaders.

## Key People:

-George Washington: leader of colonist army who defeated many British troops.  
-Thomas Paine: motivational writer; *Common Sense*  
-Thomas Jefferson: essential writer of *Declaration of Independence*  
-Ben Franklin: motivational writer; "join or die"  
-John Adams: American leader and representative

## Strategy:

To conquer the colonists, their plan was to divide, out number, and isolate the colonies with their experienced armies and British allies.

## Key People:

-General Howe: leader of British forces after failure at Bunker Hill.  
-General Burgoyne: leader of British fleet who surrendered at Saratoga.  
-General Benedict Arnold: American traitor who aided British.  
-King George III: British King during revolution



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## MAJOR BATTLES

-**Lexington and Concord (1775)**: 8 militiamen killed at Lexington and 75 British soldiers killed at Concord  
-**Battle of Bunker Hill (1775)**: Colonists attack on British caused the British to seek aid from German "Hessians".  
-**Battle of Trenton (1776)**: colonists under Washington captured 1,000 Hessians  
-**Battle of Saratoga (1777)**: General Burgoyne surrendered entire fleet to American General, Horatio Gates and his militiamen.  
-**Battle of Monmouth (1778)**: George Washington's fleet attacked British on their way to New York.  
-**Battle of Yorktown (1781)**: American's, with French aid, defeat British by land and sea.

Colonists

British

## Advantages:

-Colonists were fighting on their land.  
-They didn't have to send for reinforcements from another country as the British did.  
-French aid  
-They were fighting for their rights, which gave them more of an incentive to win.

## Disadvantages:

-The colonies lack of unity  
-Colonist's different beliefs; Loyalists, Patriots, or neither  
-Instability; not as much military knowledge or experience as the British  
-They were outnumbered in a lot of the battles

## Advantages:

-Military knowledge, experience, and strength  
-Soldier's stability and unity  
-Advanced weaponry  
-Large number of military men; outnumbering Americans  
-German (Hessian) aid

## Disadvantages

-Fought on unfamiliar land  
-Reinforcements and supplies had to be shipped from Britain to America.  
-Not enough troops to occupy an entire colony  
-Their reason for fighting was essentially for money, unlike Americans who fought for their freedoms

Because of the major wins at Saratoga and Yorktown, the help of the French, and their full-hearted determination, the **American's were victorious** and were granted their freedom