

Revolutionary War Scavenger Hunt

The Revolutionary War – also called the American Revolution – led to the birth of the United States of America. Learn more about the Revolutionary War on the World Book Web and then find the answers to the following questions!

Find It!

1. Why was Britain in debt in the years leading up to the Revolutionary War?
2. What was the purpose of the Committee of Correspondence?
3. What were the results of the First Continental Congress?
4. Where did George Washington get the artillery he needed to drive British troops from Boston?
5. Were all the colonists in favor of the war?
6. Why was France so helpful to the colonists in fighting the war?
7. Which American victory convinced France that it should enter the war?
8. Who was the general in charge of British forces in the south?
9. What were the borders established for the United States at the Treaty of Paris?
10. How did the United States pay for the debt that had been caused by the Revolutionary War?

Did You Know?

- ◆ The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is an organization of women who can prove they directly descend from people who fought for the United States' independence. They encourage study of American history and promote good citizenship.
- ◆ Nathan Hale was only 21 years old when he was caught and hanged for spying on the British.
- ◆ Benjamin Franklin was the only leader who signed all four of the key documents in American history: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Paris, and the Constitution of the United States.

Learn More!

- ◆ George Washington was a major figure in the Revolutionary War. Click here to watch a short video about him.
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Answer Key

1. Britain had fought a series of wars with France that had cost them much of their treasury.
2. The Committee of Correspondence wrote letters to communicate to other colonists about how unfair British practices threatened the colonies' liberty.
3. The First Continental Congress voted to cut off trade with Britain unless Parliament ended certain laws or taxes, and instructed the colonies to begin preparing its citizens for war.
4. Colonels Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold captured two British posts at Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point to get the much-needed artillery.
5. No, only a third of the colonists favored independence from Britain. Others either sided with Britain or were indifferent.
6. France had just been defeated by Britain in the French and Indian War and thought that helping the colonists would weaken Britain.
7. The Victory at Saratoga
8. General Cornwallis
9. The United States went to the Mississippi River on the west, Canada to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and Florida to the south.
10. The new United States Constitution allowed the government to tax its citizens, which helped pay for the war debt.