

# The War of Independence (1775-1783)



Reasons, development and consequences.

# Seven Years' War (1756–1763)

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# Quartering Act (1765)



# The Stamp Act (1765)





# «No taxation without representation»





# Boston Tea Party (December 16, 1773)

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# First Continental Congress (5, September – 26, October, 1774)



# The Battles of Lexington and Concord

## (April 19, 1775)

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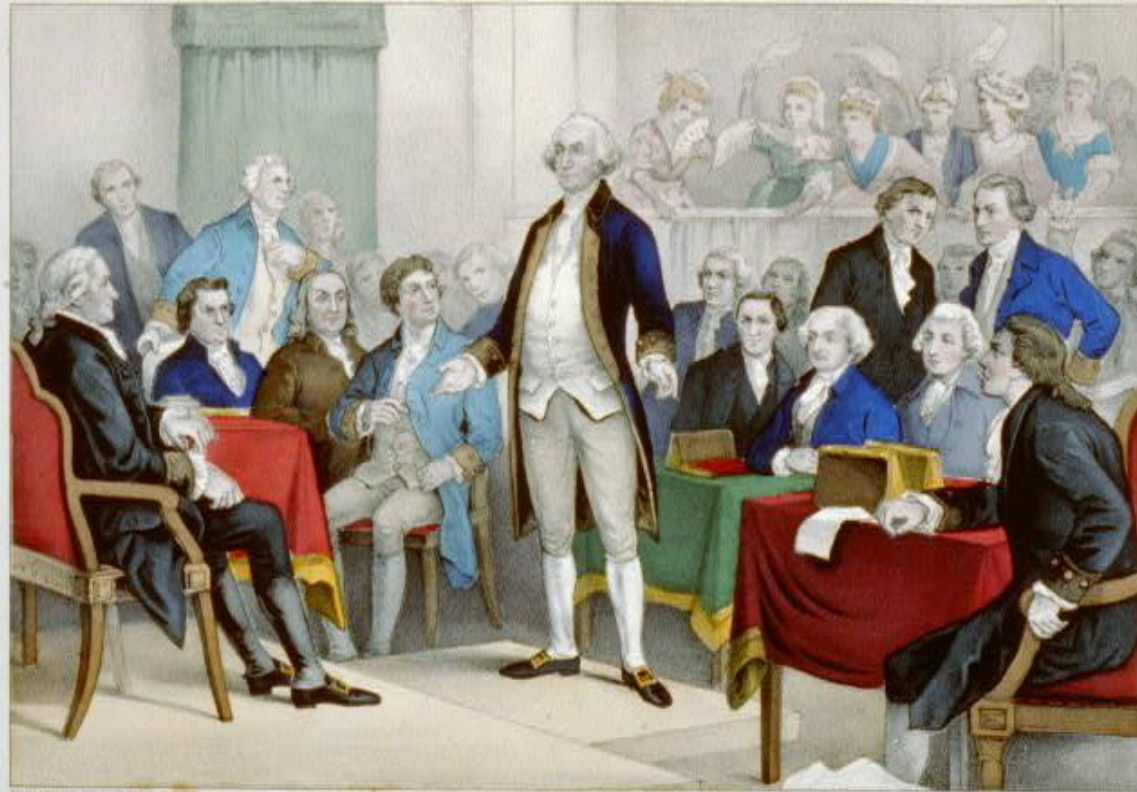
Minutemen and redcoats clash at Lexington and Concord "The shot heard 'round the world."





The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia  
(May 1775)

George Washington named Commander in Chief

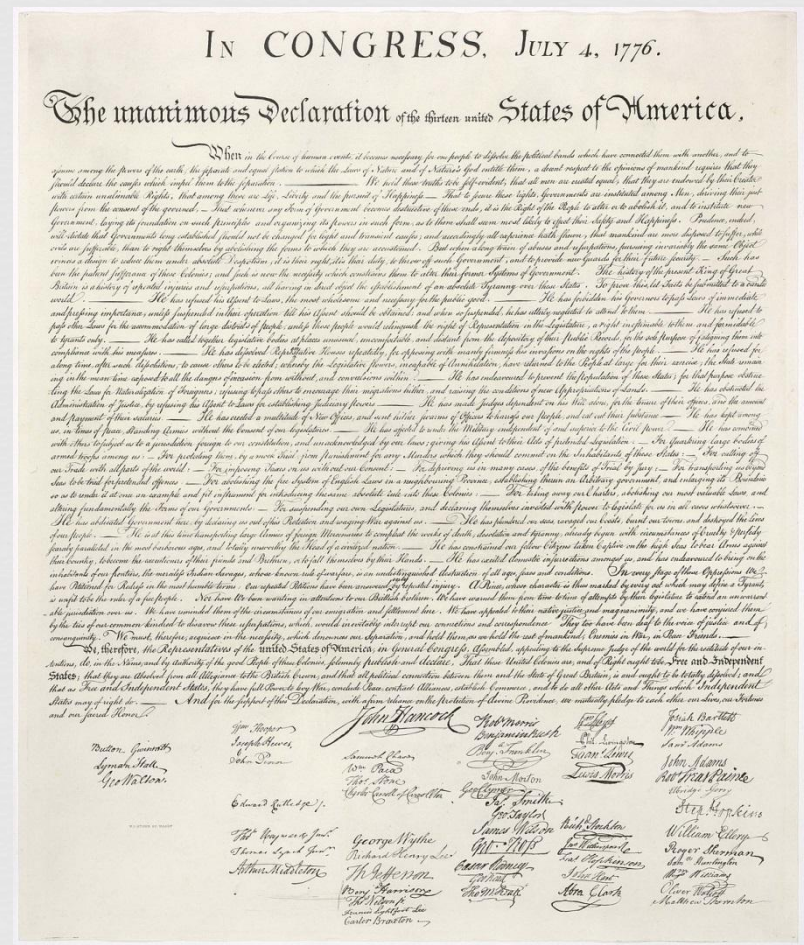
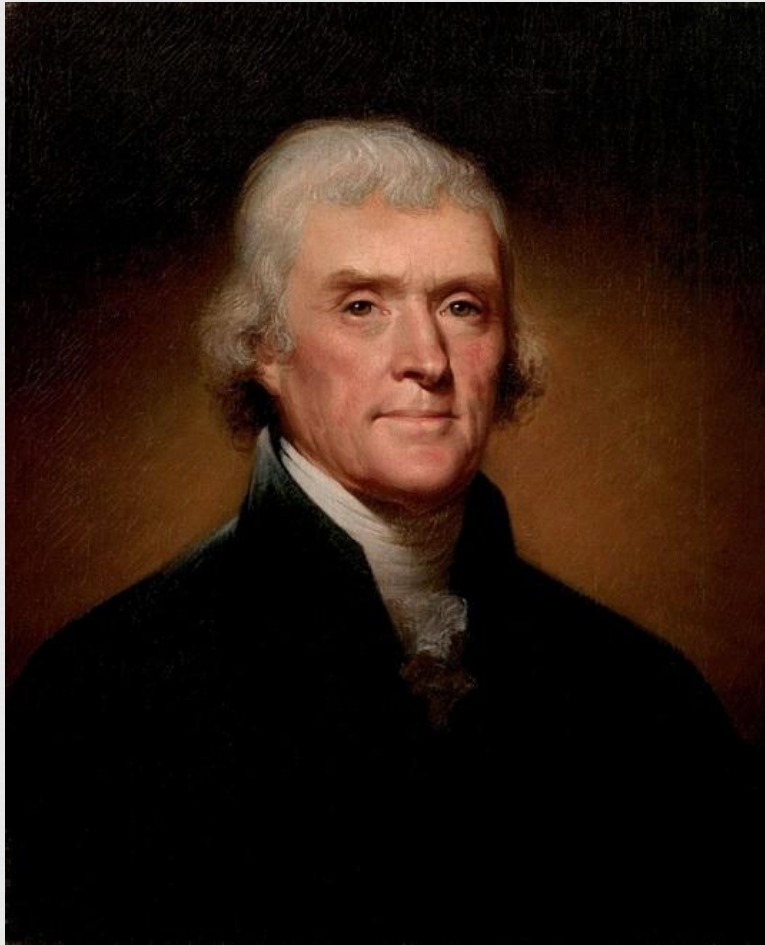


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**WASHINGTON, APPOINTED COMMANDER IN CHIEF.**

The Continental Congress, June 15, 1775, elected George Washington, Commander in Chief of all the forces raised, or to be raised, for the defence of the Colonies. He being then 40 years of age, and a member of that body, when President Hancock announced to Washington his appointment, he modestly and with great dignity signified his acceptance of the important trust.

# Declaration of Independence adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776





# Battle of Princeton (January 3, 1777)

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# The Battle of Saratoga (October, 1777)

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Surrender of Burgoyne



# Washington winters at Valley Forge (December 19, 1777–June 19, 1778)



# Siege of Yorktown (September–October 1781)

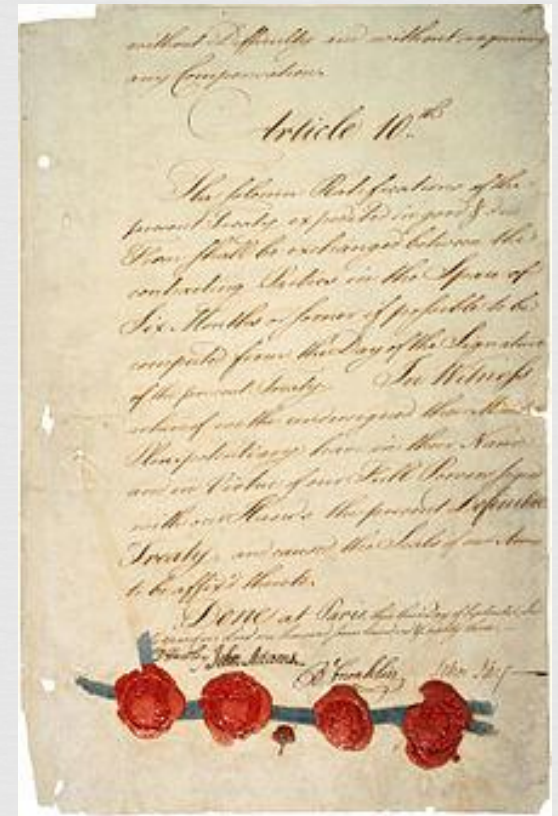
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Surrender of Lord Cornwallis



# Treaty of Paris (1783)





# Prewar Boundaries 1775

# Postwar Boundaries 1783





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