

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLES

The Revolutionary War, which began in 1775, was fought for America's independence from Great Britain. After the French and Indian War, Britain taxed the colonies. They needed money to pay for the supplies and soldiers that were used to aid the colonies in defeating the French for control of America. The colonists did not believe the taxes and laws were fair since they did not get to have a say in British Parliament (government). For that reason, they went to war to gain independence. This war lasted 7 years and many battles were fought between the two sides. Two of the most significant battles that started and ended the war were the Battle of Lexington and Concord and the Battle of Yorktown.

The battle that started the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. The British army wanted to capture rebel leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Although this was just a small fight, it was considered the first of the American Revolution. The British army was ordered to go to Lexington to capture the rebels and seize weapons the colonists had in Concord. The colonists were warned by Paul Revere that the British army was on the way, giving time for Adams and Hancock to leave the area. This also allowed the colonial militia time to hide ammunition. When the British Army arrived, there were only about 80 Americans ready to fight while there was a whole army of British soldiers. The British army was led by Major John Pitcairn and the American army was led by Captain John Parker. While they stood against each other, a shot was fired, although it is not clear whether it was the British or the Americans. This was the first shot of the war and was called "shot heard around the world."

Most of the colonists ran away from the fight at Lexington and a few were killed. Following this battle, the British went to Concord to seize the weapons and ammunition (bullets and gunpowder). The American militia

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What battle ended the Revolutionary War?



Lexington



Bunker Hill



Yorktown



Concord

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What was the British government also known as?



Parliament



Senate



Supreme Court



Magna Carta

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James Madison



William Howe



Thomas Preston



John Hancock

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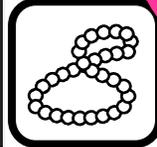
John Adams



Paul Revere



Daniel Shays



John Hancock

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Who led the British army in Concord?



Major Bennett



Captain John Parker



General Howe



Major John Pitcairn

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Who were the colonists fighting in the French and Indian War?



Ireland



Great Britain



Spain



France

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What are bullets and gunpowder also called?



Customs



Ammunition



Arms



Muskets

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What does the word 'refuse' mean?



To change



To withdraw



To refuse to buy



To pick

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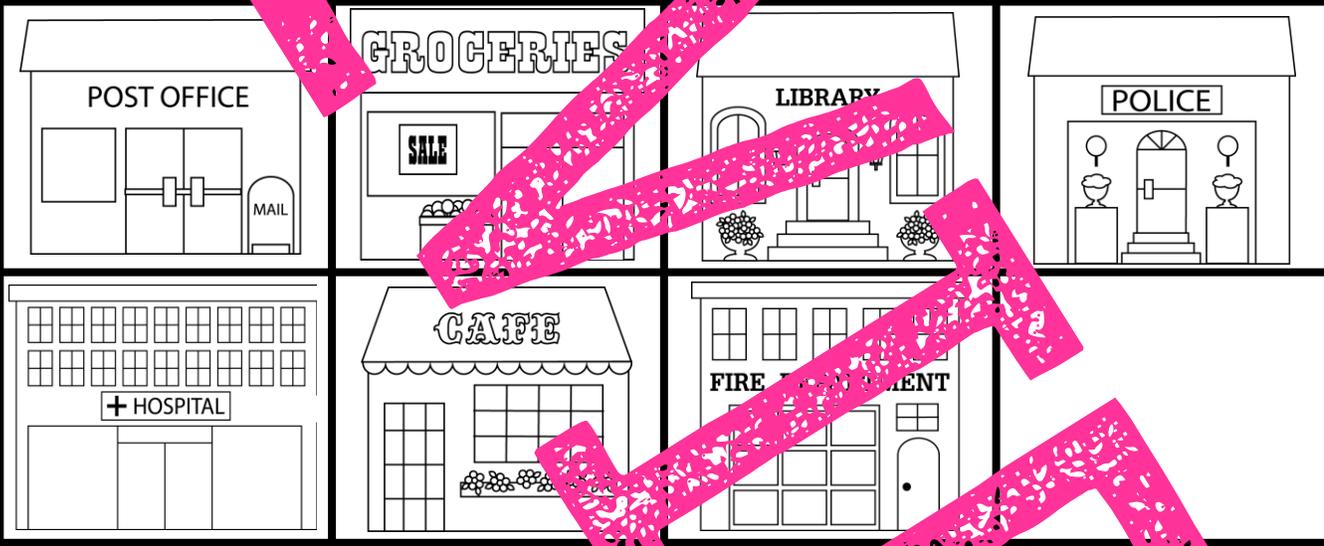
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