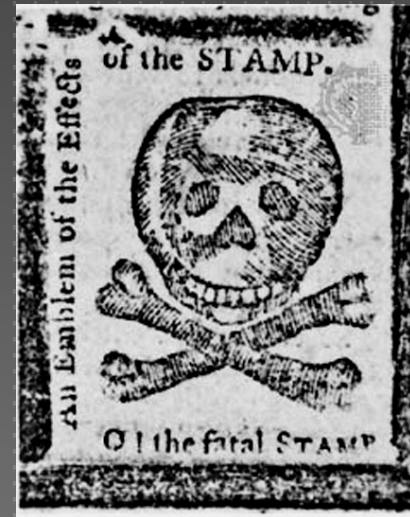




# REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-1783)

# LEAD UP TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

- ▶ Tensions building up between Britain and the colonists
- ▶ British were attempting to put taxes on the colonists
- ▶ Stamp Act: tax on all paper; Tea Act: tax on tea
- ▶ Boston Massacre started the colonist to resist: open fire on the colonist



# DECLARING INDEPENDENCE



- ▶ Many colonists were not for declaring independence from Britain
- ▶ After colonists cleared out the British in Boston, more people started to join the fight
- ▶ July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress created the Declaration of Independence mainly written by Thomas Jefferson



# REVOLUTIONARY WAR TURNING POINT

- ▶ General Horatio Gates defeated the Brits at Freedman Farm (Saratoga, NY)
- ▶ This victory prompted the French to join the fight taking sides with the colonists
- ▶ Many do not know, but this “Civil War” turned into a World War



# DRAWING TO A CLOSE



- ▶ General Greene (American) forced General Cornwallis (British) and his men to withdraw
- ▶ The French helped by making a blockage around Yorktown Peninsula to limit escape
- ▶ Although Yorktown was a major battle in the American victory, the British troops were still here and fighting

# TREATY OF PARIS

- ▶ September 3, 1783 Great British signed the Treaty of Paris to recognize the independence of the United States
- ▶ Britain also signed separate peace treaties with France and Spain bringing the American Revolution to a close

