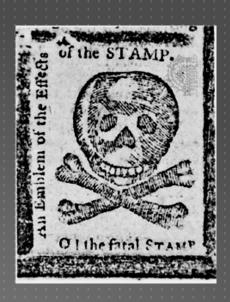


REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-1783)

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

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

A DECLARATION

BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

HEN in the Coasts of human Events, it becomes necidiary for one People "to diffolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another," and to affecte among the Powers of the Earth, the feparate and equal Station "to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them," a decent Respect to the Opinious of Mankind requires "that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

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to the Separation.

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- 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

