

- 1  **War for Independence**  
Chapter 4
- 2  **(4.1) Stirrings of Rebellion**
  - Timeline of events
  - Why did the British enact new restrictive laws and taxes?
  - Was the Revolution inevitable?
- 3  **(4.2) Revolutionary Ideas**
  - Debates at the Second Continental Congress (May 1775 →)
  - Battle of Bunker Hill (June 1775)
  - Olive Branch Petition
- 4  **Thomas Paine's *Common Sense***
  - Attacked government by kings and aristocrats
  - Distance makes independence inevitable
  - Published 1776; widely read
  - **Major significance**
- 5  **Declaration of Independence**
  - Drafted by Thomas Jefferson
  - Why was this necessary?
- 6  **Parts of the Declaration**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Preamble (purpose)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Natural Rights / Social Contract Theory / Popular Sovereignty
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wrongs committed by King George III (“He”)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Declaration of Independence
- 7  **Importance of the Declaration**
  - Basic principles of American government
  - “All men created equal”
  - Slavery – cut out of the original draft (why?)
- 8  **Additional Ideas...**
  - *Novus ordo seclorum* – “A new order for the ages”
  - *E Pluribus Unum* – “Out of many, one”
  - Social changes?
  - Loyalists vs. Patriots
- 9  **(4.3) War for Independence (I)**
  - Advantages/Disadvantages – U.S.

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10  **War in the North**

- Summer 1776 – Howes to New York
- Long retreat by Washington
- Surprise crossing of the Delaware (Trenton & Princeton) – Dec 1776
- Fights for Philadelphia (Spring 1777)

11  **Battle of Saratoga**

- Gen. Burgoyne's plan and problems
- Burgoyne surrenders to US General Horatio Gates – October 17, 1777 at Saratoga
- SIGNIFICANCE: French aid
- Questioning of Washington?

12  **Hard War**

- Winter quarters at Valley Forge
- Money problems: inflation
- Most fighting done by young, relatively poor men
- Civilians at war

13  **(4.4) War for Independence (II)**

- Help from Friedrich von Steuben and the Marquis de Lafayette
- British southern strategy in 1778-81
  - British successes: Savannah, Charles Town, Camden
  - US General Nathaniel Greene
  - Victory at Cowpens; wearing down the British

14  **Western Campaign**

- Not mentioned in book...
- George Rodgers Clark captures Vincennes and the Ohio R. Valley
- Keeps Native American groups from helping the British

15  **Battle of Yorktown**

- Cornwallis' failed strategy
- Arrival of French aid
- October 17, 1781 – Cornwallis surrenders
- End of fighting

16  **Treaty of Paris (1783)**

- Four main players in negotiations
- John Adams, Ben Franklin, John Jay
- Independence recognized

- Border to Mississippi
- Other settlements

17  **Effects of Revolution**

- Egalitarianism
- Abigail Adams
- Slavery and Native Americans
- Revolutionary government – would it last?
- Native Americans lose their protection from westward movement