

## 1 | A Bad, Brief Timeline of the Revolution

American Colonial History:

### 1.1 | 1760 - French and Indian War, cont'd

French and Indian War sparked a series of hissyfits against each other between Britian and Colonists.

- Proclamation Line: responses and boycotts
- Definition of "patriots"/"loyalists" changes

### 1.2 | 1770s - The Revolution

#### 1.2.1 | 1775: Common Sense/Plain Truth

Common Sense vs. Plain Truth published, declared against each other.

#### 1.2.2 | 1776: Independence Declared

This is a largely plagiarized document, but nevertheless declared independence.

#### 1.2.3 | 1777: Articles of Confederation

The "13 states" formed, leveraging the Articles of Confederation.

#### 1.2.4 | 1787: Constitution

The previous one sucked, so we do it better.

## 2 | A Longer, Better Timeline

### 2.1 | The Revolution Starts (not declared war in 1775)

In this time, there are three different groups with different lenses:

- Patriots: want to declare revolution
- Apathetic: don't want to fight
- Loyalists: want to save the British

#### 2.1.1 | 1775: organized army

Created 2nd continental congresses, Washinton hired privateers (licensed pirates) to fire at enemy shipts.

### 2.1.2 | 1775@quebec

American forced invaded Quebec, but that was terrible because they took no account of the weather and failed.

### 2.1.3 | Winter 1775

The American Revolution Starts, but its not officially declared

- Boycotts forced Government Shutdown
- Sent the Olive Branch petition to ask for amnesty
- **Declared the colonies in rebellion**

## 2.2 | Propaganda about War Starts: 1776

Declare Independence: want to get French Support

### 2.2.1 | Commons Sense

- French began supplying gunpower

### 2.2.2 | New Warfare

- Regional Militia: took cover and shot at smaller regions
- Used surprised attacks

### 2.2.3 | British Defeats

- It was not certain that Revolution was successful

### 2.2.4 | Christmas 1776

Crossing the Delaware almost causes lost war.

- Washington and attacked the Hessian during Christmas
- Gamble paid off, crossed the Delaware and capture their material
- Had everything that needed to survive from the Hessian

This defeat was big for propaganda purposes, **boosted morale** and raised confidence.

## 2.3 | **Turning Point: 1777**

- Defeated British in Open Warfare
- French declared public support

Battle of Saratoga

## 2.4 | **Paris Peace Treaty, 1783**

Signed peace treaty and declared full success

## 3 | **Wait but *How*?**

- British was apathetic
- Americans was on home turf (British through ocean, random cause)
  - Had French support
  - Washinton stood strong and consistent
  - Luck!

Ok so now what?

- Fighting under the "Articles of Confederation": not really united
- Constitution not written until later