

SAT Class 3 Notes: Some History

American War of Independence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmkK9Gx7fqw>

(Jim Percoco describes the early years of the United States through the lens of the two major wars, the War for Independence and the War of 1812, that established and secured the American cause.)



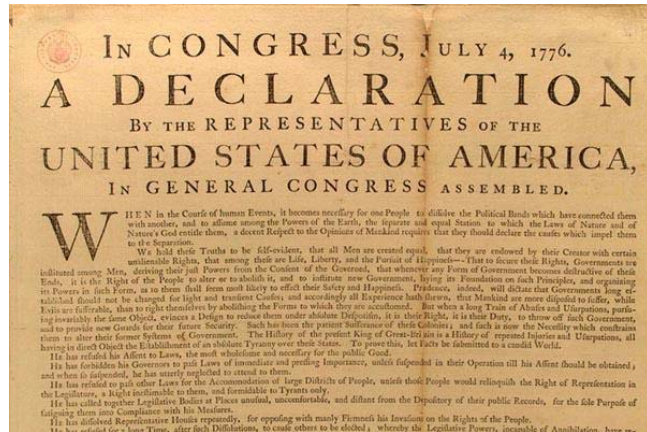
George Washington (February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799)

- American political leader, military general, statesman, and Founding Father
- served as the first president of the United States from 1789 to 1797



The American Revolutionary War (American War of Independence)

- occurred in the eighteenth century
- the Thirteen Colonies versus Great Britain
- Thirteen Colonies declared independence as the United States of America

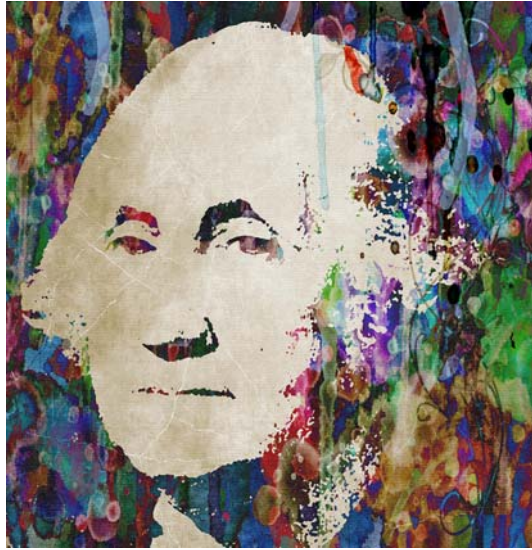


- the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress, was issued on July 4, 1776
- the Continental Congress (the Philadelphia Congress) was a convention of delegates called together from the Thirteen Colonies

The Declaration of Independence (first paragraph)

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

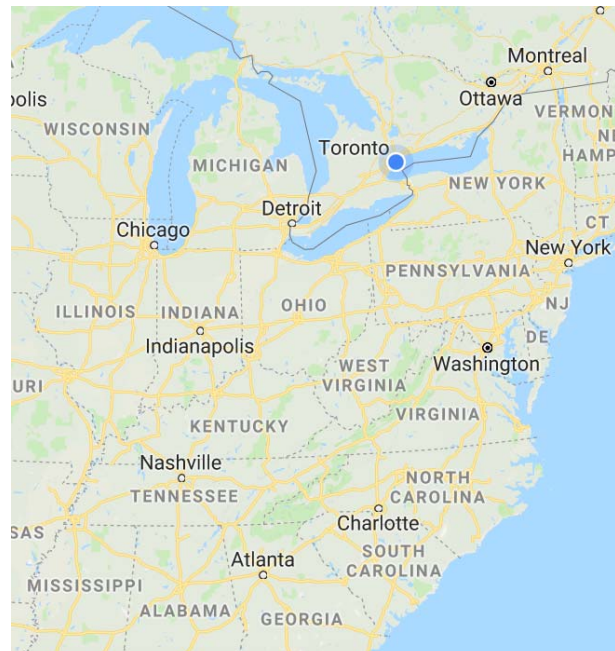
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.



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George Washington (1732-99) was commander in chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War (1775-83) and served two terms as the first U.S. president, from 1789 to 1797. The son of a prosperous planter, Washington was raised in colonial Virginia. As a young man, he worked as a surveyor then fought in the French and Indian War (1754-63). During the American Revolution, he led the colonial forces to victory over the British and became a national hero. In 1787, he was elected president of the convention that wrote the U.S. Constitution. Two years later, Washington became America's first president. Realizing that the way he handled the job would impact how future presidents approached the position, he handed down a legacy of strength, integrity and national purpose. Less than three years after leaving office, he died at his Virginia plantation, Mount Vernon, at age 67.

Read more and watch a video by following <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/george-washington>

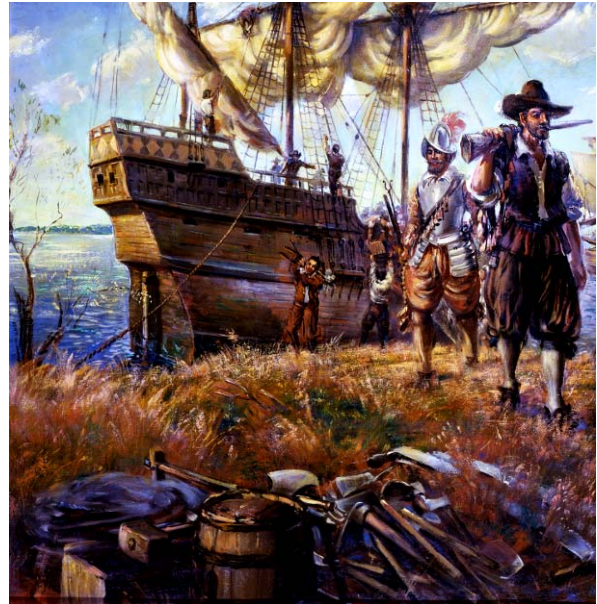


- The colonial period in Virginia began in 1607 with the landing of the first English settlers at Jamestown and ended in 1776 with the establishment of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/colonial_virginia#start_entry)

- One of the thirteen original colonies, Virginia was the first part of the country permanently settled by the English, who established Jamestown on the banks of the James River in 1607. The home state of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other founding fathers, Virginia played an important role in the American Revolution (1775-83).

(<https://www.history.com/topics/us-states/virginia>)



The Revolutionary War (1775-83), also known as the American Revolution, arose from growing tensions between residents of Great Britain's 13 North American colonies and the colonial government, which represented the British crown.



Analyze this painting on the next slide.

How is George Washington portrayed?



Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze depicts Washington and his men after the attack on Trenton in 1776, a crucial battle that **boosted morale** and ensured colonial control of New Jersey. Seventy-five years after the battle, Leutze **presented** the first President of the United States **as** a leader of exceptional courage and character, **drawing upon** stories gaining cultural traction about Washington cutting down a cherry tree and his refusal to lie about doing so. This mounting mythology laid the foundation for Leutze's **heroic** — and historically inaccurate — **interpretation** of Washington. **Despite** the painting's elder statesman vibe, Washington was much younger than he appears in the picture because Leutze used portraits from his older years as references. Also, as anyone with any boat experience knows, Washington wouldn't have stood at the bow because he surely would have capsized the craft. (<http://www.reenactmag.com/7-paintings-define-revolutionary-war/>)



Pay attention to the specific verbs, the preposition "despite," and the em dash.

In addition, think about how the painter emphasizes his own credibility as an artist.

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A pronoun is a word used to stand for (or take the place of) a noun. A word can refer to an earlier noun or pronoun in the sentence. The pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number.

To use the singular “they” or not to use the singular “they”...

