



# The American Revolution: A History

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 republic. When Abraham Lincoln sought to define the  
 significance of the United States, he naturally looked back to the  
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 legally created the United States, but also had produced all of  
 the great hopes and values of the American people. Our noblest  
 ideals and aspirations-our commitments to freedom,  
 constitutionalism, the well-being of ordinary people, and  
 equality-came out of the Revolutionary era. Lincoln saw as well  
 that the Revolution had convinced Americans that they were a  
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