Taylor Earl

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History

* William Howe was replaced to take on the rebellious colonials
* Locals raise a continental army to defend their city
  + Appoints George Washington as commander in chief
    - Not only has fighting experience, but is favored politically also
  + King George declares the colonials outlaws
    - Brings in german mercenaries to get them
* Thomas Paine
  + Writes “Common Sense”
    - It is common sense to kick out the king and declare independence
    - Calls the king a brute, equivalent to calling the king a f\*\*\*\*\*\* a\*\* hole
* Declaration of Independence
* Militia
  + They fight with a collective shotgun. Fires in rows
  + Need to have real training and equipment in order to get support from other countries
* Advantages to the natives
  + The rest of europe is watching, including the french that are waiting to get revenge over britain because of 1760’s
* Back n forth battles
  + Washington is repeatedly defeated
  + Surround the british in Saratoga and win the battle
  + Horatio Gates
    - Wins in Saratoga, loses bad in Camden, SC
  + Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown is the official surrender
    - War still goes on for a couple of years after
  + This is later coined as the revolutionary war, even though it just started as a civil war