



United States War of Independence or American Revolution

(1775-1783)

Causes

- Seven Years' war (1756-1763) - new territories under the power of the crown. Expensive conflict - > new taxes
- 1765 - Stamp Act. 1767 - the Townshend Acts. 1773 - Tea Act - > protests among colonists. 'No taxation without representation'

Declaring Independence

- Second Continental Congress voted to form a Continental Army (commander - Washington)
- The British evacuated Boston in March 1776 and retreated to Canada to prepare an invasion of New York
- July 4th - Congress voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence
- Surprise attack in New Jersey on Christmas night

Revolutionary War Turning Point

- 1777 - British aimed at separating New England
- Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
- Washington winters at Valley forge
- France and the USA form an alliance

Revolutionary War Draws to a Close

- 1779-1781 - The Americans suffered many setbacks. General Benedict Arnold turned traitor
- Fall of 1781 - siege of Yorktown
- 1783 - Treaty of Paris

