AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1775-1783

Reasons

- growing tension b/w residents of GB's 13 colonies and the colonial government, which represented the British crown, because of high taxes

- "**taxation without representation**"

Boston Tea Party

- **December 16th, 1773**

- destruction of a shipment of tea by colonists.

- As a result, the port of Boston was closed.

- The Patriots in MA set up an alternative shadow government.

- 12 colonies + MA formed a **Continental Congress**.

April 1775

- skirmishes b/w British troops and colonial militiamen in **Lexington and Concord** kicked off the armed conflict, which developed in a full-scale war for the independence of the rebels

December 31ˢᵗ, 1775

- **The Battle of Quebec**

- the **first major defeat** of the war for the Americans

- **heavy losses** (General Richard Montgomery was killed, Benedict Arnold was wounded, and Daniel Morgan and more than 400 men were taken prisoner)

June 17th, 1775

- The **Battle of Bunker Hill**

- during the **Siege of Boston**

- a victory for the British, but with **massive losses**

- gave **encouragement** to the colonists

1778

- **France** entered the American Revolution **on the side of the colonists**

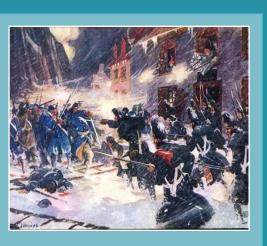- the war became an international conflict

1779

- **Americans won** their independence after France helped the Continental Army force the British surrender at **Yorktown, VA**

January 16th,1780

- The **Battle of Cape St. Vincent**

- off the southern coast of Portugal

- a **British fleet** under **Admiral Sir George Rodney** defeated a Spanish squadron under **Don Juan de Lángara**

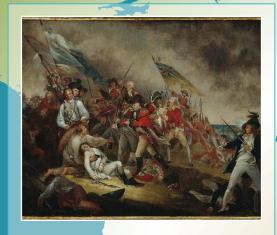- **Moonlight Battle** (it was unusual for naval battles in the Age of Sail to take place at night)

January 17th,1781

- The **Battle of Cowpens**

- a decisive victory by the **Continental Army** forces under **Brigadier General Daniel Morgan** over the **British Army** led by **Colonel Banastre Tarleton**

- a turning point in the reconquest of **South Carolina** from the British
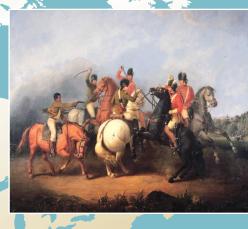
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Results

- The **Peace of Paris** was signed in 1783

- American independence

- Britain loses area east of Mississippi River and south of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to independent United States and to Spain

- Spain gains East Florida, West Florida and Minorca

- Britain cedes Tobago and Senegal to France

- Dutch Republic cedes Negapatnam to Britain