Lexington and concord

- April 1775
  - British try to seize weapons stored in concord
  - Paul revere, William Dawes, Samuel Prescott warn colonists
  - Minute men met British at Lexington
  - Shots fired and colonists killed
  - Colonist conduct guerilla battle warfare

- May 10th 1775
  - Called for army and appointed George Washington as leader
  - Some talk of compromise; some talk of independence

- June 1775
  - Colonist take hill overlooking Boston (bunker hill)
  - British charge the hill 3 times until colonists run out of ammo
  - Lots of causalities
  - Deadliest battle of the war

-Loyalists
  - Those who remained loyal to the king and the British
  - Often called Tories

- Patriots
  - Those supported the move for independence
  - Risked everything because they could be hung as traitors

- Common sense by Thomas Paine

- Declaration of independence
  - Richard Lee-Virginian who proposed this idea on June 7th 1776
  - Called Lee resolution
  - Declares colony independent
  - Approved on July 2nd; printed on 4th 1776
  - Thomas Jefferson got most ideas from Natural rights, social contract from John Locke
  - Grievances against King George III
  - Does not describe any particular government

- Third of colonist were undecided (not loyalist or patriot)