Middle Colonies 1777-1778 Battle of Saratoga
- This battle will cause French to join the colonists because they realised they actually had a chance to win. How did the colonists fight?

The South 1778-1781 The Battle of Yorktown
- Cornwallis became trapped and is where the surrender will take place and the war is over.

Treaty of Paris 1782
- Benjamin Franklin will lead negotiations which included 2 goals:
  I. Recognition as a separate nation.
  II. Firm National boundaries from Mississippi to Atlantic and from Canada to Florida.

What is liberty?
- Control over their own actions, social contract, how we imagine the roles and responsibilities in society.

Enlightenment
- Enlightenment (1715-1789)
  - It is the blueprint for democracy in America.
  - The enlightenment began to replace arguments born of tradition and authority with those based on observation and independent reasoning.
  - The End Result: "Life in America was it encouraged colleges to include subjects like science, law, and medicine.

Thomas Hobbes
- Wrote the Leviathan.
  - Life is short, nasty, poor, and brutish. Believes in the will of the ruler.
  - Property exists solely by the will of the state, this in a state of nature men are condemned to endless violent conflict.

John Locke
- Wrote the 2 treatises of government.
  - Said that it is the duty of government to "Protect the citizens natural rights which were life, liberty, and property".
  - A civil society had a social contract theory with their government.