

In June 1775, the British defeated the Americans in Massachusetts. Despite their loss, the inexperienced colonial forces inflicted significant casualties against the enemy, and the battle provided them with an important confidence boost.

What was the Battle of Saratoga?

The turning point in the Rev. War; turned it into a global war. When the French allied with the Americans, knowing that America surrendered to the British.

What was the Battle of Yorktown?

Last important battle of the American Revolution, fought in 1781. The Continental Army, led by George Washington, won against the British, led by General Lord Charles Cornwallis.

List the following in order:

Fighting at Lexington and Concord

Convening of II Continental Congress

George Washington was no military genius*

Colonies eventually lost Bunker Hill Battle— they ran out of gun powder*

One purpose of the Declaration of Independence was to explain to the rest of the world why we have revolted**

Republic— power belongs to the people*

Why was the Battle of Saratoga a key to victory?

Because it was when the French allied with America, giving the colonists the resources and funding they needed (along with men and skill) to help win against the British; the French had heard that the colonists had previously surrendered to Britain

Why did the French want to help the colonists in the revolution?

Because they had just lost to Britain over land they wanted to gain, and wanted to get back at them.

Thomas Jefferson was a slave owner. Why then did he state in the Declaration of Independence that all men are created equal?

Thomas Jefferson believed that slavery would fade over time, and he planned to soon release his own slaves. He was opposed to slavery.

The Sons of Liberty was led by Samuel Adams*

In 1776 Declaratory Act was passed— London still ruled the colonies