

# AMERICAN REVOLUTION INDEPENDENT STUDY MENU

<p>Find two firsthand accounts of the Battle of Lexington, one from the British point of view and one from a colonist's point of view. Create a Venn diagram of the two accounts; comparing the similarities and the differences between the two. Be sure to site your sources. Answer the following questions under your Venn Diagram. Based on what you have learned, how would you explain the impact of Lexington and Concord on the Revolution? What do you think would have happened if the British had not fired their guns in Lexington?</p>	<p>Find out when blacks were first allowed to join the Continental army to fight for freedom. What was life like for a black soldier? Did those who survived the war receive any special treatment from the new government? Create a collage explaining what life was like during and after the war for blacks.</p>	<p>Research the battles of Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown of the Revolutionary War. Create a PowerPoint presentation that explains: who, what, when, where and why of each battle.</p>
<p>There is a famous painting called Washington Crossing the Delaware. Try to find a reproduction of this painting, and write a short essay describing what might have been the feelings of the men in the picture.</p>	<p>John Adams wrote that the war was "only an effect and a consequence of it [the Revolution]. The Revolution was in the minds of the people, and this was effected . . . before a drop of blood was drawn at Lexington." If this quote is true, then why was the war necessary? Investigate this idea and create a pamphlet or brochure to convince the colonists that the war was necessary.</p>	<p>Research the roles women played during the Revolution. Write a skit giving insight into a day in the life of a woman during the Revolution.</p>
<p>Who were the Hessians? Where did they come from? What was their role in the American Revolution? Can you uncover any information on whether some of the Hessians remained in America after the war? Create a collage to illustrate your findings about the Hessians.</p>	<p>Map the battles of the Revolution. You must neatly color your map and include a key. When you have completed your map, create a timeline of when each battle occurred.</p>	<p>Read Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's narrative poem, "Paul Revere's Ride." Many people only know this version of the story. Research what really happened on that night. Make any historical corrections that need made to Longfellow's poem. Create a children's picture book illustrating this event and the poem.</p>