

Revolutionary War

WebQuest Description: The WebQuest explores the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. The colonies had enough of British rule, and they were ready for a change. However, beginning a successful revolution is not as easy as it seems. The Revolutionary War is significant because it was how the United States of America came to be.

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Introduction

In April 1765, the Revolutionary War has begun at the battle of Lexington, British soldiers and American colonist have their rifles pointed at each other and are ready to battle. However, the tension between the colonies and Britain did not begin until after the Seven Years War, also known as the French and Indian War. This war began whenever Britain declared war on France because the French were expanding into the Ohio River Valley which was repeatedly brining them into armed conflict with the British colonies. After seven years of fighting, the war ended with the Treaty of Hubertusburg and Paris where France lost all of their claims to Canada and lost Louisiana to Spain. However, after the victory of this war, Britain found themselves in a lot of debt. Therefore, they turned to the colonies for financial help. The Revolutionary War officially began in April of 1775; however, there were many events that led to this war. In the WebQuest, you are going to determine some of the many causes and effects that led to the revolt of the colonies, sparking the Revolutionary War. Your objectives by Sections: 1.) Sugar Act (1764) 2.) Stamp Act (1765) 3.) Boston Massacre (1770) 4.) Boston Tea Party (1763) 5.) Intolerable Acts (1764) All answers from each section should be recorded onto the provided answer packet.

Tasks

One of the main issues that caused the Revolutionary War was due to unfair taxation policies. Using the resources below, determine the significance of each and how it impacted individuals views on the Revolutionary War. 1.) The American colonies believed in "actual representation" and the British believed in "virtual representation". What is the difference between the two and how did the differences between the two representations affect the course of the taxation that was being placed on the colonies, and how the colonist responded? 2.) What does "no taxation without representation mean"? Closing Question: If you lived in the American Colonies during this time period, would you support the phrase "no taxation without representation" and why?

Process

Now that you have researched key issues that sparked the Revolutionary War, you will now fill out the questions below. Then you will take the answers and information that you have collected to create a short essay. 1.) Research what the Siege of Yorktown was, and how it impacted the war. 2.) What were some major changes in the colonies once the war ended. In the first paragraph, you should explain the two different viewpoints of the colonies and Britain whenever it came to what was fair with taxing. Then, discuss the phrase "no taxation without representation", and how the colonist used this phrase during this time. In the second paragraph, you should explain the five events listed in the introduction and how they helped influence the Colonist rebellion against Britain that sparked the beginning of the Revolutionary War. In the third paragraph explain how the war came to an ending. Think about what major battle signifies the ending of the Revolutionary War. Lastly, in the fourth paragraph discuss how the end of the war brought about change in the colonies, and how it impacted what we now know as the United States of America.

Evaluation

Students should refer to the rubric below. In order to receive the grade that you desires, you should follow along with the rubric standards.

Category and Score	8 to 10 points	5 to 7 points	2 to 4 points	0 to 1 points	Score
WebQuest worksheet	The worksheet has been filled out completely with plenty of information.	The worksheet is filled out, but missing key points in the information.	The worksheet is partially filled out.	The worksheet is barely complete or not at all.	20

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Historical Accuracy of Writing	The historical facts are accurate. The answers are also in-depth brining about deep thoughts.	The historical facts are accurate; however, it is not as in-depth making the students knowledge about the event more limited.	The historical information is somewhat accurate, but also has inaccurate details incorporated.	The historical content is inaccurate or the student did not do it.	30
Quality of writing	Essay is grammatically correct with 1-2 errors.	Essay is grammatically correct with less than 5 errors.	Essay has many grammatical errors.	Essay is grammatically incorrect with many errors making it difficult to read and comprehend.	30
Research	The student has done their research and effectively portrays their knowledge.	The student has done adequate research, but still shows understanding.	The student has done sub par research, and does not show understanding of it.	The student did not conduct research.	20
				Total Score	100

Conclusion

The Revolutionary War is an important event in America's history because the colonies declared our independence from Britain. However, it is vital to understand the events leading up to the war, and the events that took place during the war. Throughout this assignment, you have been able to further understand the course of the Revolutionary War, and why it was so important for the colonies to declare our freedom and become the United States of America.

Teacher Page

This lesson would work best for high school U.S. History. Majority of the research is geared towards students in high school because they can better understand and comprehend what is taking place.

Standards

This webquest accomplishes the standards for students in U.S History part 1. They are required to learn and understand the revolutionary war.

Credits

Pictures:http://fallout.wikia.com/wiki/American_Revolutionary_War<http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/american-revolution-history><http://www.nationalreview.com/article/433821/george-washingtons-princeton-revolutionary-war-battlefield-needs-saving><https://www.pinterest.com/pin/515873332298668871/><https://www.britishbattles.com/war-of-the-revolution-1775-to-1783/>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence

Other

This lesson is great for high school students. Not only are they learning about the Revolutionary War, but they are also using their critical thinking skills and applying this to their writing.