

## Revolutionary War Causes

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**WebQuest Description:** This webquest is designed to encourage students to look at and dissect various causes of the Revolutionary War.

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### Introduction

You've been hired by a rich and prestigious research panel to uncover a historical mystery. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to uncover major causes of the Revolutionary War and decide which cause was the biggest catalyst and why. You will be paired with a partner in the hopes that your discovery can shed light on the issue. Your bounty will be in the form of a letter grade as well as valuable insight on one of the most important events in American history.

### Tasks

Your task is to decide what were major causes of the Revolutionary War (you need to decide on five) and pick from amongst your list to argue what you believe was the main catalyst for the war was.

This will be for a grade!

You need to:

1. List 5 catalysts that led to war (reasons, acts, responses, tariffs) writing at least two sentences explaining each.
2. You need to pick from your list the BIGGEST catalyst that pushed us into war explaining why you made your decision (giving reasons that are evidence based) in one to two complete paragraphs.

### Process

For this webquest you will be split into groups of 2 with each of you having specified roles.

These roles will be 1: the Seeker; and 2. The Recorder.

The seeker will surf the websites discerning what information is important while the recorder writes down and organizes the Seekers findings.

You are being asked to navigate through websites that are linked below and discover various causes of the revolutionary war.

1. You will be given 2 minutes to read and discuss the project with your partner.
2. You will be given 8 minutes to navigate through the various sites writing down important catalyst and events leading up to the American Revolution organizing them into a list of 5 important causes with one to two sentences describing each.
3. You will finally be given 2-3 minutes to pick amongst your list what you and your partner agree is the most important catalyst to the colonies heading to war. You will then proceed to explain your selection by defending it in one to two well thought out paragraphs.
4. While you work I will be passing out your homework for the night which will be completing a Revolutionary War crossword puzzle. If you finish early you may begin quietly working on it using your textbook or the internet.
5. Once you finish make sure to hand in both your written list of 5 important causes of the Revolutionary War and you paragraph(s) on which cause you thought was most important. Be sure to include both of your names at the top.

LIST OF SITES:

- <http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/H/1994/chap3.htm> (1-7)
- <http://www.history.org/almanack/life/politics/4thjuly.cfm>
- <http://www.usahistory.info/American-Revolution/>
- <http://www.historycentral.com/Revolt/causes.html>



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## Conclusion

You Made it!!!

We will conclude by discussing in class the various reasons and sharing some of our evidence with the instructor!\*Make sure to hand in your work!

## Teacher Page

This webquest is designed to help students navigate through the causes of the American revolution.&nbsp; It is great for an in classroom activity and is differentiated so that some learners do research while others, who may or may not be able, can record.&nbsp; This webquest is meant to take about 10-12 minutes.

## Reviews

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