

# People, Places, and Events of the American Revolutionary War

## Word Scramble

### **Introduction:**

In this activity, students will be introduced to basic information about the American Revolutionary War. This activity is a good lead-in to studying the Revolutionary War. Students can do it “cold,” to find out what they already know and to pique their interest with names and places that may sound familiar.

### **Grade level:**

Late elementary school to middle school

### **Illinois Learning Standards:**

16.A.3b Make inferences about historical events and eras using historical maps and other historical sources.

16.A.4a Analyze and report historical events to determine cause-and-effect relationships.

16.B.3b Explain how and why the colonies fought for their independence and how the colonists’ ideas are reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

### **Activity:**

What do students know about the Revolutionary War? Do they know what Valley Forge is, who Paul Revere is, who Benedict Arnold is?

Students should try to unscramble the words without using their books or other resources. Then, to finish the worksheet, they can use textbooks, the internet, or the books in the bibliography.

## Revolutionary War Scramble

Unscramble the letters at the end of each sentence to replace the underlined words with what the clues are referring to.

Example:

0. This person was the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

EEGGOR AGHINNOSTW

Answer: George Washington was the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

1. "The shot heard 'round the world" was fired in this city: EGILNNOTX
2. American soldiers forced British troops to retreat at the Old North Bridge in this city: CCDNOOR
3. This person took the famous midnight ride to the two cities mentioned above to warn the colonial militias "The British are coming!" ALPU EEERRV
4. On June 17, 1775, the bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War took place at here. BEKNRU LIHL
5. At the battle mentioned above, this person told his soldiers "Hold your fire till you see the whites of their eyes." Colonel AIILLMW ECOPRSTT
6. General Washington crossed this river on Christmas Day, 1776 for a surprise attack on these troops in this New Jersey city. The AADEELRW, AEHINSSS, ENNORTT
7. This was the site of the camp of the American Continental Army over the winter of 1777–1778. AELLVY EFGOR
8. This country and this country provided financial assistance to the American rebels. ACEFNR, AINPS
9. This British general surrendered in this place. General ACILLNORSW, KNOORTWY
10. The American militia soldiers were also known as this. EEIMMNNTU
11. On May 10, 1775, this colonel and this colonel surprised and captured the small British garrison at this fort. AEHNT AELLN, BCDEEINT ADLNOR, Fort ACDEGINOORT
12. This captain is best remembered for his "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" speech before being hanged on September 22, 1776 by the British following the Battle of Long Island. AAHNNT AEHL

### Revolutionary War Scramble Answers

1. “The shot heard ‘round the world” was fired in this city: EGILNNOTX Lexington
2. American soldiers forced British troops to retreat at the Old North Bridge in this city: CCDNOOR Concord
3. This person took the famous midnight ride to the two cities mentioned above to warn the colonial militias “The British are coming!” ALPU EEERRV Paul Revere
4. On June 17, 1775, the bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War took place at here. BEKNRU LIHL Bunker Hill
5. At the battle mentioned above, this person told his soldiers "Hold your fire till you see the whites of their eyes." Colonel AIILLMW ECOPRSTT Colonel William Prescott
6. General Washington crossed this river on Christmas Day, 1776 for a surprise attack on these troops in this New Jersey city. The AADEELRW, AEHINSSS, ENNORTT The Delaware, Hessians, Trenton
7. This was the site of the camp of the American Continental Army over the winter of 1777–1778. AELLVY EFGOR Valley Forge
8. This country and this country provided financial assistance to the American rebels. ACEFNR, AINPS France, Spain
9. This British general surrendered in this place. General ACILLNORSW, KNOORTWY General Cornwallis, Yorktown
10. The American militia soldiers were also known as this. EEIMMNNTU Minutemen
11. On May 10, 1775, this colonel and this colonel surprised and captured the small British garrison at this fort. AEHNT AELLN, BCDEEINT ADLNOR, Fort ACDEGINOORT Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, Fort Ticonderoga
12. This captain is best remembered for his "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" speech before being hanged on September 22, 1776 by the British following the Battle of Long Island. AAHNNT AEHL Nathan Hale

**Resources at the Pritzker Military Library:  
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