

# Lesson Plan on the Basic People, Places, and Events of the American Revolutionary War

## **Introduction:**

In this activity, students will learn basic information about the American Revolutionary War.

## **Illinois Learning Standards:**

16.A.3a Describe how historians use models for organizing historical interpretation (e.g., biographies, political events, issues and conflicts).

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

16.A.3c Identify the differences between historical fact and interpretation.

16.C.3c (W) Describe the impact of technology (e.g., weaponry, transportation, printing press, microchips) in different parts of the world, 1500 – present.

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

16.A.4b Compare competing historical interpretations of an event.

16.A.5a Analyze historical and contemporary developments using methods of historical inquiry (pose questions, collect and analyze data, make and support inferences with evidence, report findings).

## **Objectives:**

Learn about some major people, places, and events of the American Revolutionary War.

## **In the classroom:**

Provide the students with copies of the attached worksheet.

## **At the library:**

Have the student's research to answer the questions on the worksheet.

## **Resources at the Pritzker Military Library:**

**(also available through interlibrary loan from your local library)**

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## Revolutionary War Scramble

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Revolutionary War Scramble Answers

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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
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Colonel William Prescott
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The Delaware, Hessians, Trenton
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France, Spain
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General Cornwallis, Yorktown
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Minutemen
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Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, Fort Ticonderoga
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