

Patriots Fight the Revolutionary War

Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 30–31 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at graph B, “Colonists Take Sides.” Use the information to answer the following questions.
 - a. Which countries supported the Patriots? _____, _____, and _____.
 - b. What percentage of American colonists supported the British _____
 - c. What percentage of American colonists did not take sides? _____
 - d. Which side did Indians west of the colonies support? _____
 - e. Why did slaves fight in the Revolutionary War?

Links Far and Near

2. Look at map A, “Battles on Land,” and map C, “Battles at Sea.” Use the information to complete the chart below.

Battle Name	Land or Sea	Location	Year
Lexington	On land	in Massachusetts	
	On land	in New Jersey	1776
SARATOGA	On land	in New York	
Flamborough Head			
	At sea	near Spain	
Kings Mountain			
	At sea	near Virginia	
	On land	in Virginia	

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3. Look again at map A. Write **N** if most of the battles of that time period took place in the northern colonies (New England and Canada), **M** if most of the battles took place in the Middle Colonies (New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey), and **S** if most of the battles took place in the South.
- a. 1775 _____
- b. 1776–1777 _____
- c. 1780–1781 _____

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4. Look again at map C. Circle the battles that were victories for the Patriots or their allies.
- a. Lake Champlain d. St. Lucia
- b. Whitehaven e. Charles Town
- c. Dominica f. Virginia Capes

🐼 Thinking About History

5. Look at map C and picture D. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
- a. _____ Most naval battles were fought at a distance.
- b. _____ The French Navy fought mainly in the West Indies.
- c. _____ The British and Patriot Navies were always successful near their homelands.

★ People and Cultures

6. Look at graph B and graph E, “Soldiers’ Deaths.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
- a. About _____ percent of American colonists supported the Patriots during the Revolutionary War.
- b. The Patriots lost _____ soldiers, while the British lost only _____ soldiers.
- c. Only _____ percent of Patriot soldiers died in battle. The rest died from _____, exposure, and prison.