

Chapter 8 - America Secedes from the Empire (1775-1783)

Essential Questions

1. What finally pushed the colonists to declare independence?
2. What logistical factors enabled the Americans to win the Revolutionary War?

Essential Vocabulary

Second Continental Congress

Common Sense

Republicanism

Declaration of Independence

Loyalists

Battle of Saratoga

Battle of Yorktown

Treaty of Paris

Questions/Tasks from Reading

1. What were the important developments at the Second Continental Congress?
2. What was the impact of Thomas Paine's pamphlet *Common Sense*?
3. What does it mean to have a republican form of government?
4. Why is the Declaration of Independence called Jefferson's "Explanation" of Independence?
5. Take notes on the experience and challenges of Loyalists.
6. Describe Washington's military actions that helped win the Revolutionary War.
7. Why was the Battle of Saratoga important?
8. Describe the role of France in helping the Americans win the Revolutionary War.
9. Take notes on the conditions of the Treaty of Paris and how it legitimized a new nation.