

# ★ TIMELINE ★

## THE MAKING OF AMERICA

★ 1607

### JAMESTOWN COLONY

English settlers establish Jamestown, the first permanent English colony in America.



★ 1765

### STAMP ACT

The British Parliament passes the Stamp Act, which taxes printed materials in the colonies.



★ 1773

### BOSTON TEA PARTY

Colonists protest unfair taxes by dumping British tea into Boston Harbor.



★ 1774

### FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

Delegates from 12 colonies meet to discuss their rights and how to work together.



★ 1775

### LEXINGTON & CONCORD

The fighting begins! Militias fight British troops in Massachusetts.



★ 1776

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On July 4, the Continental Congress declares the American colonies are free and independent.



★ 1777

### BATTLE OF SARATOGA

American forces win an important victory that encourages the colonies and helps gain foreign support.



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★ 1777-1778

### WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE

Washington's army endures a very hard winter. The soldiers show great courage and perseverance.



★ 1778

### FRANCE ALLIES WITH AMERICA

France signs treaties to support the United States with money, supplies, and soldiers.



★ 1781

### BATTLE OF YORKTOWN

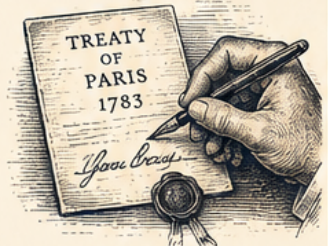
American and French forces defeat General Cornwallis and the British army surrenders.



★ 1783

### TREATY OF PARIS

The war ends. Britain recognizes the United States as a free and independent nation.



★ 1787

### CONSTITUTION WRITTEN

Delegates meet in Philadelphia and write the United States Constitution.



★ 1789

### GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESIDENT

George Washington is elected the first President of the United States.

