

Teach *The American Revolution* Using the Power of Visual Storytelling

The American Revolution, from filmmakers Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, examines how 13 colonies on the Atlantic Coast united in rebellion, won their independence, and established a republic that still endures. The series weaves together personal accounts of dozens of figures who waged and witnessed war, bringing these stories — and this shared history — to life in engaging ways.

An extension of this landmark series is now available to classrooms through **The American Revolution Collection**, part of the **Ken Burns in the Classroom** hub on PBS LearningMedia.

- More than 35 FREE, curriculum-aligned classroom resources developed by teachers and subject matter experts that draw on content from the film
- Created for upper elementary through high school classrooms (Grades 3-12)
- Designed to build students' critical thinking skills, including their ability to think in terms of cause and effect and to practice analyzing primary sources
- Anchored by an essential question, resources incorporate video clips from the film, teaching tips, and discussion questions. Many are also supported by activity suggestions, student handouts, primary sources, and background readings
- Features student-facing interactives that use personal narratives from young people of the era to connect students with different wartime experiences, as well as an interactive 3D map that explores the iconic battles of the Revolutionary War

Classroom Resources are Organized by Commonly Taught Coverage Areas and Specific Topics:

- **Life in the British Colonies**
 - Economy of the British Colonies
 - Native Peoples
 - Patriots and Loyalists
 - Demographics of the British Colonies
- **Causes of the American Revolution**
 - Conflict Over Land
 - Boston Tea Party
 - Coercive Acts
 - Diction and Pathos in *Common Sense*
- **Key Figures and Ideas of the Revolutionary Era**
 - Betsy Ambler: Experiences of a Young Girl (interactive)
 - John Greenwood: Experiences of a Fifer and Privateer (interactive)
 - Joseph Plumb Martin: Experiences of a Common Soldier (interactive)
 - Changing Perspectives on King George III
 - Contributions of Women During the American Revolution
 - Dragging Canoe/Tsi'yu-gunsini
 - George Washington (multiple resources)
 - James Forten
 - John and Abigail Adams
 - Joseph Brant/Thayendanegea
 - Phillis Wheatley
 - Remembering Benedict Arnold
 - Stockbridge Indian Community
- **Key Events of the Revolutionary Era**
 - Key Battles (interactive)
 - The Continental Congress
 - Dunmore's Proclamation
 - Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - France and the American Revolution (interactive lesson)
 - Global Alliances During the American Revolution
 - Native Americans and the Conflict Over Land (interactive lesson)
 - Nathanael Greene and the Southern Campaign
 - Disease and Its Impact on the War
- **Consequences and Legacies of the Revolutionary Era**
 - The Meaning of Freedom and Liberty
 - The Meaning of Democracy (interactive lesson)
 - The Articles of Confederation
 - John Adams's Contributions to Constitutional Thinking

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