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# The American Revolution: A Fight for Liberty

**Learning Objective:** Students will be able to identify key causes, major turning points, and the lasting global impact of the American Revolution based on the provided podcast content.

## Pre-Listening

### Task 1: Vocabulary Matching

Match the term to its correct definition.

1. **Sovereignty:** Supreme power or authority.
2. **Taxation:** Fees paid to a government.
3. **Militia:** Armed citizens used for defense.



General Washington leading troops across the Delaware River.

### Task 2: Brainstorming

What does it mean to be independent? Write your initial thoughts and experiences below.

## While-Listening

### Task 1: The Causes

The American Revolution was fueled by tension between the colonies and Great Britain. The British government imposed strict laws and \_\_\_\_\_ on the colonies without their consent. Colonists grew angry, rallying behind the famous slogan: 'No \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.' This conflict eventually led to a fight for complete independence.

### Task 2: Timeline of Events

Number these events from 1 to 3 to show their chronological order (the order they happened).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Battles of Lexington and Concord
- \_\_\_\_\_ Signing of the Declaration of Independence
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Boston Tea Party

### CHALLENGE

How does the concept of 'sovereignty' relate to the way the United States functions today as an independent nation? Explain in one sentence.

## POST-LISTENING: ANALYSIS & LEGACY

### Task 1: The Saratoga "What If" Scenario

The Battle of Saratoga is considered the turning point of the war because it secured French support. Write a paragraph predicting how the revolution might have ended if the French had not provided assistance.



*George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army, whose leadership was vital during the hardest years of the war.*

### Task 2: Discussion & Legacy

How does the legacy of the American Revolution influence our lives today? Think about government and rights. Prepare 3-4 talking points for a group discussion.

### CHALLENGE: Voices of the Revolution

Write a short creative piece (diary entry or letter) from the perspective of a colonist living in Boston in 1773. Describe your thoughts on the British tea tax and your reaction to the Boston Tea Party.