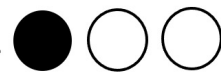


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Major Battles During the American Revolution

There were several major battles that led to American victory and British defeat. They were the Battle of Lexington, The Battle of Concord, The Battle of Saratoga, and The Battle at Yorktown. Each of these events helped lead to America's independence from Britain and the writing of the Constitution.

The Battle of Lexington and Concord

The first two battles in the war took place in the towns of Lexington and Concord. On April 19, 1775, the British army made a plan to trap Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Lexington, Massachusetts. Why? They were mad about the money they had to pay after the French and Indian War. Adams and Hancock had helped join the colonists to fight against Great Britain.

British soldiers were also told to find and take the American's supplies and guns in Concord, Massachusetts. A brave man named Paul Revere found out about the plan. He rode into town to warn the colonists before the British could get there. The colonists were able to hide their guns just in time. Paul Revere also helped Sam Adams and John Hancock hide so the British could not catch them.

The battle was a very small fight. When the British arrived, people got scared. Someone fired a shot from their gun. This made the British soldiers fight back. The colonists did not have very many people fighting on their side. They got scared and left the town. The British army pushed ahead and marched into the town of Concord.

Once the British got to Concord, they started to look for the colonists' guns and supplies. Thanks to the work of Paul Revere and others, the colonists had already hidden their guns. The Americans returned to town and fought against the British. They were able to beat the British and took the first steps toward winning their freedom!



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THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

Read each statement and decide if it's True or False. Write T for True or F for False.

_____ A. Several major battles were fought during the Revolutionary War.

_____ B. The Battle of Lexington and Concord took place in New York.

_____ C. Paul Revere warned the colonists that the British were coming.

_____ D. The American Revolutionary War started on April 19, 1775.

_____ E. Samuel Adams and John Hancock lead the colonists against Britain.

How did Paul Revere help the colonists?

How did the colonists feel about being heavily taxed by Great Britain?

Do you think the colonists should have been given the right to have a say in government? Explain your answer.
