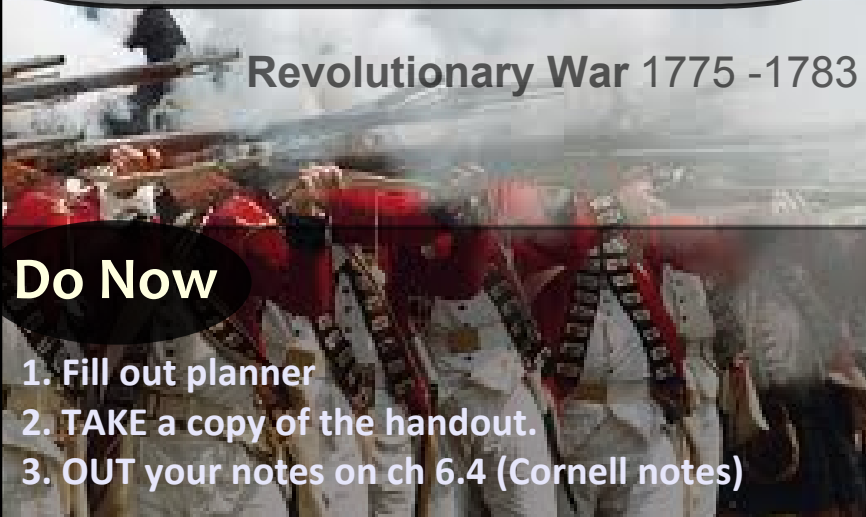


Learning GOAL: Students will learn about the colonial struggle for independence from the British empire.

Learning TARGET: Students will learn about:

- the events leading to the end of the Revolutionary War
- the significance of the battle of Yorktown

while improving their note-taking skills.



Revolutionary War 1775 -1783

Do Now

1. Fill out planner
2. TAKE a copy of the handout.
3. OUT your notes on ch 6.4 (Cornell notes)

Friday,
Nov. 15, 2013

Today's Agenda

- ~Sharing main ideas on ch 6.4
Cornell notes on selected headings
(Cornell notes on selected reading)
- ~ Yorktown (significance...DE videoclip)

HW

- ~Growing Government in the U.S.
...due Wednesday, Nov. 20
- ~EDPs Tues, Nov. 19
- ~Study for Common Assessment
Friday, Nov. 22

Change in Plans

- Gral. Cornwallis was camped in Yorktown.
- Learning this, G. Washington decided to march (& attack) Yorktown instead of NY.
- Washington made every effort to keep this mission a secret, making the British (Gral. Clinton) think Washington would attack NY.
- This would keep the British from sending help to Gral. Cornwallis (in Yorktown).
- Three troops (Washington, Lafayette and Rochambeau) marched toward Yorktown

Siege of Yorktown

- G. Washington wondered whether his plan to fool Gen Clinton (NY) had worked and if the French fleet (headed by Admiral De Grasse) would meet in Yorktown.
- On Sept. 5, 1781, Washington learns the French reinforcements are close to Yorktown.
- By the end of the month, 14,000 American and French troops trapped Gen. Cornwallis' troops (7,500).
- And Admiral De Grasse's naval force kept Cornwallis from escaping by sea.

Cornwallis' Defeat

- British troops began to run low on ammo. Many British soldiers were wounded and sick.
- In this hopeless situation, Cornwallis surrenders on Oct. 19, 1781.
- Battle of Yorktown: a Patriot victory!

Independence

- Battles continued after Yorktown, but the Britain realized it would be too costly to continue the war.
- A treaty was worked out in Paris with Ben Franklin, John Adams and John Jay working out the details.
- The American Congress approved (ratified) the treaty in April, 1783.
- The final **Treaty of Paris**: Sept. 3, 1783.
- Boundaries for the new country: Atlantic Ocean to Mississippi R and Canada to Sp. Florida.