

American History 11 – Mr. Ruppert
Battle Presentations of the War for Independence (20 points)

Some Major Battles / Military Maneuvers / Places in the War for Independence

Pre-Independence (before 7/4/76)

- 1) *Lexington and Concord **April 19, 1775 EF**
- 2) *Capture of Fort Ticonderoga **May 10, 1775 and July 5, 1777 (retaken) EF**
- 3) *Breeds (Bunker) Hill **June 16/17, 1775 EF**
- 4) Long Island
(and Ft. Moultrie) **June 28, 1775 EF**
- 5) Siege of Boston **July 1775 to March 1776 EF**
- 6) *Great Bridge **December 9, 1775 EF**
- 7) *Quebec **December 31, 1775 EF**
- 8) *Moore's Creek Bridge **February 27, 1776 EF**

Post-Independence (after 7/4/76)

- 9) *Battle for New York
(Brooklyn Heights and what followed) **July-August 1776 N**
- 10) Valcour Bay **October 11, 1776 N**
- 11) *Washington's Retreat Through New Jersey **1776**
- 12) *Trenton and *Princeton **December 26, 1776 N
and January 3, 1777 N**
- 13) *Brandywine and Germantown **September 10, 1777 N
and September 22, 1777**
- 14) Oriskany **August 6, 1777 N**
- 15) Bennington **August 16, 1777 N**
- 16) *Saratoga **September 19, 1777 N**
- 17) *Valley Forge **The Winter of 1777-1778 N**
- 18) *Monmouth **June 28, 1778 N**
- 19) *Vincennes **February 23, 1779 F**
- 20) Stony Point **July 15, 1779 N**
- 21) *Southern Campaign (big picture) **1778-1781 S**
 - *Savannah **July 22, 1779 S**
 - *Charleston (siege of) **1779-1780 S**
 - *Camden **August 16, 1780 S**
 - *Treason of Benedict Arnold **September 21, 1780 N**
 - *King's Mountain **October 7, 1780 S**
 - *Cowpens **January 17, 1781 S**
 - *Guilford Court House **March 15, 1781 S**
 - Eutaw Springs **September 8, 1781 S**
 - *Yorktown **October 6-19, 1781 S**

*** = Covered in your textbook on a map and/or in the text itself**

EF = Early Fighting

N= War in the North (1776-79)

F=War on the Frontier (1778-79)

S= War in the South (1778-1781)

This activity asks you to research and report on one of the battles of the War for Independence (1775-1783). Since we don't have the time to do a detailed study of all the many engagements, you will be asked to prepare a short (2 to 3 minutes) summary of your assigned battle and present this to the class.

- You will be assigned to one of the above battles in the War for Independence:
- You will present your oral report on one of several assigned days. Your presentation is worth 20 points (10 pts for written notes / 10 pts for presentation)
- Go to (www.americanrevolution.com/RevolutionaryWarBattlesIndex.htm), which summarizes many of the major battles of the American Revolution. In addition, a simple Google search using your battle's name should also yield more than enough additional research in order to successfully complete this presentation.
- For the battle you have been assigned, prepare a short oral presentation that lists the following:
 - the date and location of the battle (Mr. Ruppert will provide a map) or you may provide your own and use the document camera / projector
 - how many soldiers were involved
 - the commanding officer(s) of each army
 - the major strategies and events of the battle and most importantly, where it fits in the "Big Picture" in terms of overall British / American war strategy and state of the war at the time your battle was fought. What action preceded / led up to your battle? What immediately followed your battle?
 - casualty figures, if available
 - outcome of the battle
 - the strategic / political significance of the outcome of this battle in the overall course of the War For Independence
 - if you do use your own map of the battlefield and troop movements as an overhead visual aid you will gain up to +5 points extra credit
- Be ready to present your information to the class on the date you are assigned
- Practice your presentation beforehand ("man in the mirror?") to work on the proper timing / being comfortable with your content and delivery.

Oct 19, 1781

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Yorktown



"The World Turned..."

"Upside - Down"