

Revolutionary War Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

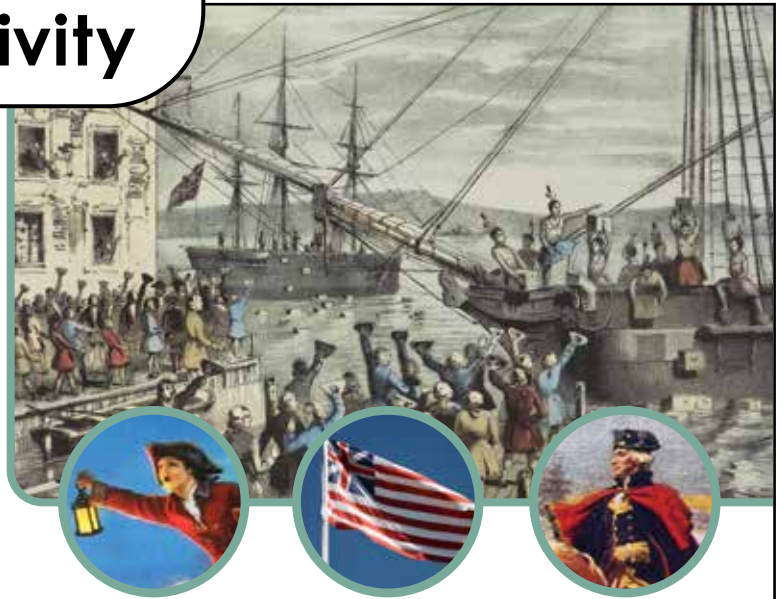
- 18 Revolutionary War fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Revolutionary War questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Revolutionary War questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Revolutionary War fact cards around your classroom where students will be



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



Scavenger Hunt

Revolutionary War

Fact Card

1



The first armed attack on the British happened long before the war began on April 19, 1775. Rhode Islanders burned a

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2



Congress voted for freedom on July 2, 1776. Final wording for the Declaration was chosen July 4. Unlike its rough draft



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War

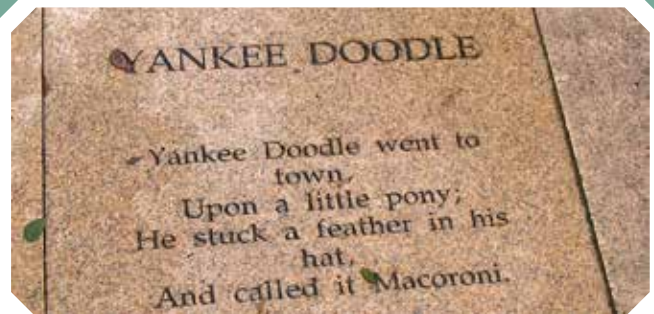
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Who wanted independence? At the time, John Adams said the Patriots, Loyalists, and neutral colonists each made up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population.

War

4



"Yankee Doodle" was a British song making fun of colonists—who liked and stubbornly adopted it! Edward Bangs published a 15-verse version in 1776.



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Fact Card

5



The first U.S. flag, the Grand Union Flag, had no stars. It flew from December 1775 to

June 14, 1777. That's when

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Fact Card

6



The Boston Tea Party dumped about 340 chests of tea (worth more than \$17 million today!)



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War

7



Paul Revere didn't make his midnight ride alone! William Dawes and Samuel Prescott rode with him for parts of it. There were nearly 40 riders total.

War

8



Washington famously crossed the Delaware the night of December 25, 1776. He planned for others to cross in two different spots too. Only he succeeded.



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Fact Card

9



Around 5,000–8,000 Black soldiers and spies fought the British. They were present in all major battles.

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Fact Card

10



Washington told doctors to treat young Marquis de Lafayette, pictured, "as if he were [his] son."

The Frenchman



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War

11



Revolutionary spies used an invisible ink that Washington called a "sympathetic stain." One chemical hid writing while another showed it.

War

12



An Oneida Nation group brought hundreds of baskets of food to soldiers at Valley Forge. Group member Polly Cooper also helped the sick and injured.



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13



Revolutionary leaders often had an honor code. Even after losing the Battle of Germantown

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14



Deborah Sampson was a Patriot woman who disguised herself as "Robert Shurtleff" to fight. She was dismissed with



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War

15



At the Battle of Long Island, a group of Marylanders (later called the Maryland 400) held off more than 2,000 British troops while Washington's army escaped.

War

16



Crispus Attucks, shot in the Boston Massacre, was the war's first American death. He was of Black and Native descent, with *attuck* being Narragansett for *deer*.

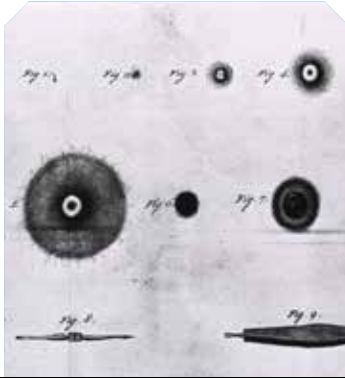


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Smallpox was the #1 cause of death during the Revolutionary War. Since shots didn't exist yet

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18



The British surrendered at Yorktown in October 1781.



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Name: _____

Side A

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Fact Card 1: When and where was the first armed American attack on the British?

Fact Card 2: How many times does the word *independence* appear in the Declaration?

Fact Card 3: True or false: John Adams thought there were more Loyalists than Patriots.



Fact Card 6: How much would the Boston Tea Party's ruined tea cost today?

Fact Card 7: Name two men who joined Paul Revere on his midnight ride.

Fact Card 8: How many river crossings did Washington plan for December 25, 1776?

Fact Card 9: Black soldiers fought in what percent of major battles?

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Fact Card 10: Who was *Georges* Washington?

Fact Card 11: What did Washington call the kind of invisible ink his spies used?

Fact Card 12: Polly Cooper was a member of which Native American nation?



Fact Card 15: The Maryland 400 fought in which battle?

Fact Card 16: What did Crispus Attucks's last name mean in Narragansett?

Fact Card 17: What did soldiers receive to help protect against smallpox?

Fact Card 18: When did the last on-land fight of the American Revolution occur? Where?

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Fact Card 1: When and where was the first armed American attack on the British?

June 9, 1772, in Rhode Island

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Fact Card 9: Black soldiers fought in what percent of major battles?

100%

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the only son of Marquis de Lafayette

Fact Card 11: What did Washington call the kind of invisible ink his spies used?

"sympathetic stain"

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Fact Card 18: When did the last on-land fight of the American Revolution occur? Where?

December 27, 1782; New Jersey