**Timeline of the Revolutionary War:** *Include all these (30) dates!*

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| **1754-1763** | |
| **1764** | [***The French and Indian War***](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/frin.htm)***s*** |
| **March 22** | [**The Stamp Act**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/stampact.htm) |
| **1770** | |
| **March 5** | [**The Boston Massacre**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/massacre.htm) |
| **May 10** | [**The Tea Act**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/teaact.htm) |
| **Dec. 16** | [**The Boston Tea Party**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/9f.asp) |
| **1774** | |
| **June 2** | [**Quartering Act of 1774**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/q74.htm), one of the "[**Intolerable Acts**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/intolerable.htm)" |
| **Sept. 5-Oct. 26** | [**The First Continental Congress**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/congress.htm) meets in Philadelphia and issues [**Declaration and Resolves**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/decres.htm) |
| **March 23** | [**Patrick Henry**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/related/henry.htm)'s [**"Give me liberty or give me death"**](http://www.ushistory.org/documents/libertydeath.htm) speech |
| **Apr. 18** | The Rides of [**Paul Revere**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/9c.asp) and William Dawes |
| **Apr. 19** | [**Minutemen**](http://www.ushistory.org/people/minutemen.htm) and redcoats clash at [**Lexington and Concord**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/11c.asp) "The shots heard 'round the world." |
| **May 10** | [**The Second Continental Congress**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/10e.asp) meets in Philadelphia |
| **June 17** | [**Battle of Bunker Hill**](http://www.ushistory.org/us/11d.asp): The British drive the Americans from Breed's Hill |
| **1776** | |
| **Jan. 15** | Paine's [**"Common Sense"**](http://www.ushistory.org/paine/commonsense/index.htm) published |
| **July 1-4** | Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence. See [**Chronology of the Declaration**](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/timeline.htm) |
| **July 4** | Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence; it's sent to the printer |
| **Aug. 2** | Delegates begin to sign The Declaration of Independence |
| **Sept. 15** | The British occupy New York City |
| **Dec. 26** | Washington [**crosses the Delaware**](http://www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/index.htm) and captures Trenton from Hessians |
| **1777** | |
| **Sept. 26** | British under Howe [**occupy Philadelphia**](http://www.ushistory.org/phila/britishphila.htm) |
| **Dec. 19** | Washington's army retires to winter quarters at [**Valley Forge**](http://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/index.html) |
| **1778** | |
| **June 18** | British abandon Philadelphia and return to New York |
| **Aug. 29** | Newtown, NY, after two massacres, American forces burn Indian villages |
| **1780** | |
| **Sept. 23** | John André arrested, leading to the exposure of Benedict Arnold's plans to cede West Point to the British |
| **1781** | |
| **March 2** | [**Articles of Confederation**](http://www.ushistory.org/documents/confederation.htm) adopted |
| **Oct. 19** | Cornwallis surrounded on land and sea by Americans and French and surrenders at Yorktown, VA |
| **1782** | |
| **Nov. 30** | British and Americans sign preliminary Articles of Peace |
| **1783** | |
| **Sept. 3** | The United States and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Paris |
| **Nov. 25** | British troops leave New York City |
| **1787** | |
| **Sept. 17** | [**U.S. Constitution**](http://www.ushistory.org/documents/constitution.htm) signed |
| **1788** | |
| **June 21** | U.S. Constitution adopted, when New Hampshire ratifies it. |