

The History Channel  
America: The Story of US  
Episode #2-Revolution

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**Directions:** Fill in the blanks below. This is a quick paced worksheet; questions will be answered fast throughout the video.

1. Today, New York is the financial capital of the world, with a population of 8 million.
2. In 1776, New York has a population of 20,000.
3. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The British Invasion of America is the biggest in U.S. history.
4. Each British ship carries hundreds of soldiers, 64 heavy cannons that fire a 24 lb. cannonball at the speed of sound over a mile away.
5. **TRUE OR FALSE:** In today's money these ships cost as much as a modern aircraft carrier.
6. 350 more ships are heading to the colonies.
7. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams are all participating in the Emergency Continental Congress debating on total independence from England. \*High treason\*
8. July 4, 1776 is when the colonists declare independence from England.
9. The British invasion is the biggest attack on New York until 9/11, 2001.
10. September 17, 1776 New York is under fire. Kip's Bay
11. British soldiers have 6 times more experience than the patriots.
12. By Sept. 20 New York is in British hands.
13. More than 3,000 Patriot POW's are held on prison ships in New York harbor.
14. The HMS Jersey is nicknamed "Hell" because 9 out of 10 prisoners die.
15. 12,000 Patriot POW's die on prison ships, 3 times more than are killed in battle.
16. The loss of New York is Washington's first defeat.
17. The American frontier is difficult for the British to navigate.
18. British soldiers were trained to fight in open battlefields; the Patriots were using new tactics and were not "classic soldiers."
19. Because of the dense wilderness, the British only advance 1 mile a day.
20. Sharpshooters have an advantage; they know the land and have American technology innovation long rifles

(and more distance)

- 21. Grooves inside the barrel make shots more accurate.
- 22. **TRUE OR FALSE:** No Native Americans join the British to fight the Patriots.
- 23. Ingeniously, The Patriots begin killing off Native Americans scouts and British officers.
- 24. Without leadership the British lose twice as many soldiers as the Patriots. land + sea
- 25. France joins the war against the British, now the British have to fight a war on 2 fronts.
- 26. The Continental Congress doesn't send any help to Washington and his troops at Valley Forge.
- 27. At Valley Forge, 1/5 of troops have no shoes and 2,000 are sick within weeks.
- 28. The rebel army is a melting pot, made up of convicts, Free slaves, and immigrants. 60%
- 29. Small pox is a virus that is spreading through Valley Forge, 4 in 10 of its victims die.
- 30. **TRUE OR FALSE:** Inoculation is when small pox is introduced into a healthy body, so the body builds up antibodies to fight the virus.
- 31. Washington's troops begin training with bayonets, which are Knives placed on the end of rifles. (spears)
- 32. **TRUE OR FALSE:** In 1781, Patriot spies used invisible ink.
- 33. In England, the American Revolution isn't popular because it is costing too much money.
- 34. The rebels have beaten the British; the U.S. is the only country to win independence from England through war.
- 35. 25,000 have died for independence from Britain and a new nation is born.

**Note:** If you miss any portion of the video, please check the internet or your TV schedule for episodes. Also, this DVD collection can be purchased for less than \$20. This would be a great series to watch to the whole family.

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