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American Revolution Battles Activity

DIRECTIONS: In groups, please utilize the available documents (readings and graphics) to help you answer the questions regarding an important battle of the American Revolution. Your group may not be rotating in chronological order, but the battles are in chronological order on your worksheet.

Battle of Bunker Hill: 1775

1. What advantage did the colonists have over the British during the Battle of Bunker Hill?
2. Why were the colonists ordered to hold their fire until they could see the “white of the [British’s] eye[s].”
3. Why were the colonists forced to retreat during the battle?
4. How many colonists were killed during the battle, and how many British were killed?
5. Who won the Battle of Bunker Hill?

Battle of Long Island: 1776

6. What advantage did the British have over the Continental Army during the Battle of Long Island?
7. Who was commanding the Continental Army during the battle?
8. What decision did Washington make that prevented the Continental Army from being devastated by the British?

9. What allowed the Continental Army able to cross the East River to Manhattan without the British know?
10. Who won the Battle of Long Island?

Battle of Trenton: 1776

11. What night did Washington decide to launch a sneak attack in Trenton?
12. Describe what it was like for the Continental Army to cross the Delaware River?
13. Who was the Continental Army fighting against at the Battle of Trenton?
14. Who won the Battle of Trenton?
15. How did the Battle of Trenton influence the Continental Army?

Battle of Saratoga: 1777

16. Why did the British want to take over the Hudson River at Albany?
17. Who was leading the British and their effort to take over Albany?

18. Who won the Battle of Saratoga?

19. Why did the British plan to take over Albany fail?

20. What is a turning point?

21. Why was the Battle of Saratoga considered to be a turning point in the American Revolution?

Valley Forge: 1777-1778

22. Why did the Continental Army retreat to Valley Forge during the winter months?

23. Describe the negative experiences faced by the Continental Army during Valley Forge.

24. Who helped train the Continental Army at Valley Forge?

25. What made Valley Forge a positive experience for the Continental Army?

Battle of Cowpens: 1781

26. Who helped the British in their early victories in the southern colonies?

27. What strategy or style of warfare did General Greene use with the Continental Army that helped the colonists be successful?

28. Who won the Battle of Cowpens?

29. What influence did the outcome of the Battle of the Cowpens have on the Continental Army?

Battle of Yorktown: 1781

30. Why did the British want to take over Virginia?

31. Who was Benedict Arnold?

32. What is a peninsula?

33. Why was the British forced to surrender?

34. Who won the Battle of Yorktown

35. What was the significance of the Battle of Yorktown?