

The War for Independence



1775: "The shot heard round the world."



1775-1783

The American Revolution



Video: The Battle of Lexington and Concord

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wlq-jA2ARRg>

Lexington and Concord - Shot Heard Around the World



CHAPTER 4

“The Shot Heard
Round the World”



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Lexington and Concord



- “The Shot Heard Round the World”
- April 19th 1775
- British's planed to attack Concord's arms depot.
- Paul Revere

THOMAS PAINE

COMMON SENSE;

ADDRESSED TO THE *W. Hamilton*

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By Thomas Paine

Man knows no Master save creating HEAVEN,
Or those whom choice and common good ordain.

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How did Common Sense help the revolution?

Common Sense (1776) by Thomas Paine₁

But Britain is the parent country, say some. Then the more shame upon her conduct. Even brutes do not devour their young, nor savages make war upon their families....Europe, and not England, is the parent country of America. This new World hath been the asylum for the persecuted lovers of civil and religious liberty from *every part* of Europe. Hither have they fled, not from the tender embraces of the mother, but from the cruelty of the monster; and it is so far true of England, that the same tyranny which drove the first emigrants from home, pursues their descendants still.
(pages 86-87)

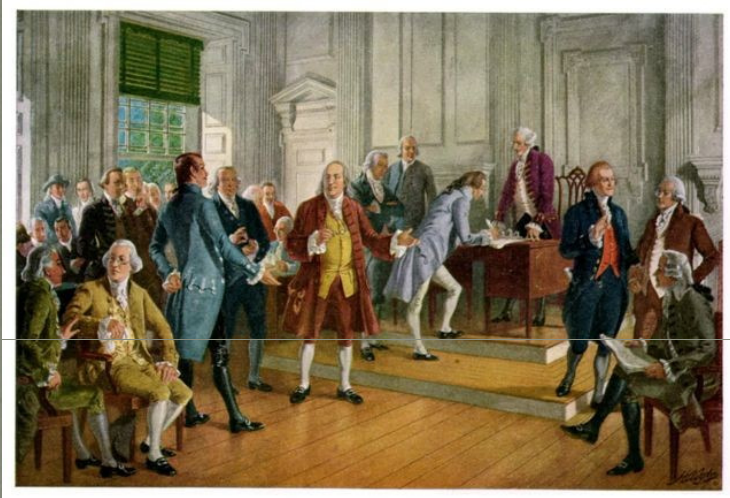
Common Sense (1776) by Thomas Paine

Europe is too thickly planted with Kingdoms to be long at peace, and whenever a war breaks out between England and any foreign power, the trade of America goes to ruin, *because of her connection to Britain.* (page 89)

Common Sense (1776) by Thomas Paine

But where says some is the King of America? I'll tell you Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the Royal Brute of Britain. Yet that we may not appear to be defective even in earthly honors, let a day be solemnly set apart for proclaiming the charter; let it be brought forth placed on the divine law, the word of God; let a crown be placed thereon, by which the world may know, that so far as we approve as monarchy, that in America THE LAW IS KING. For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law *ought* to be King; and there ought to be no other. (page 99)

Declaration of Independence

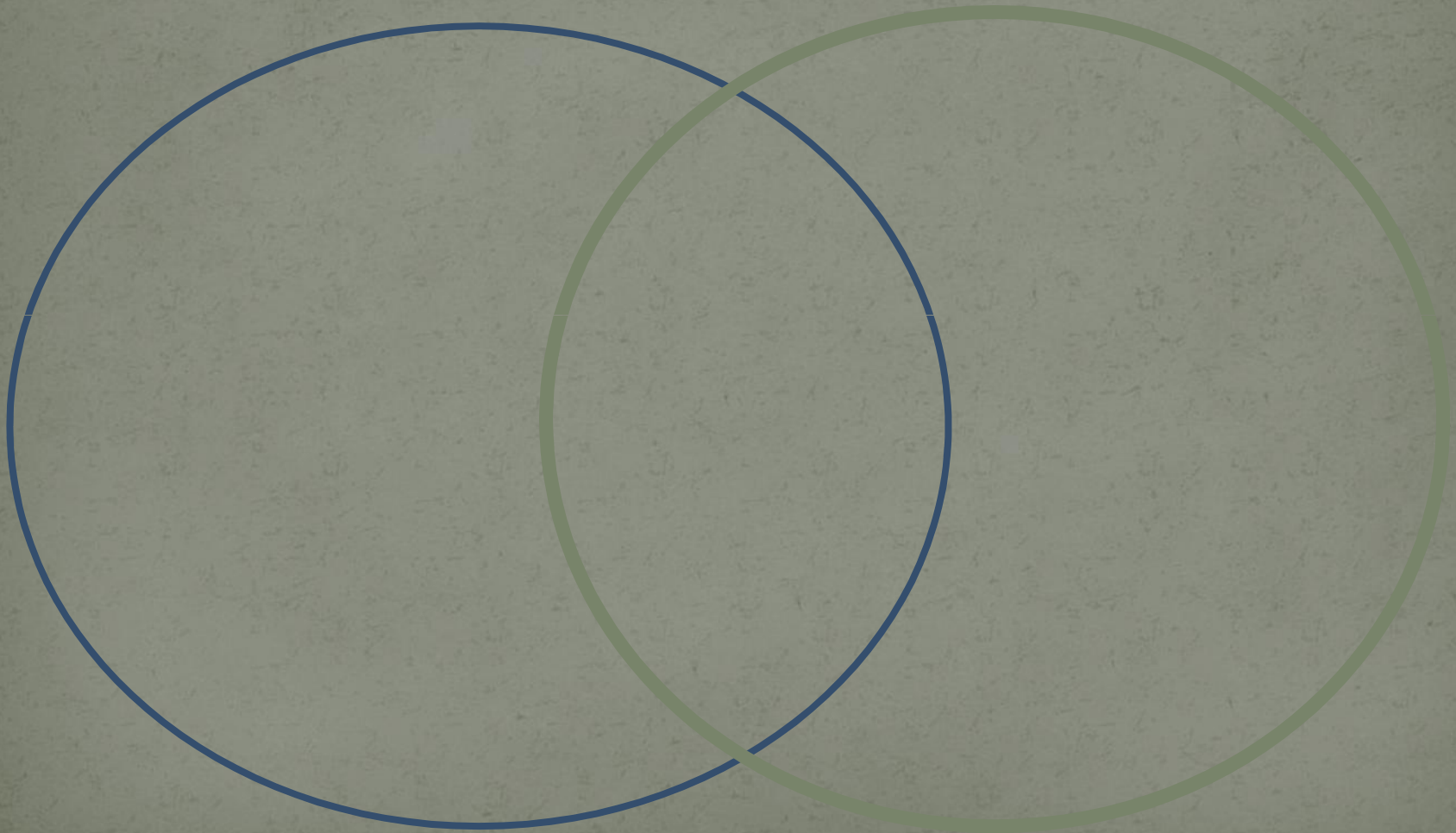


- July 4, 1776
- The colonies declared independence from Britain
- Written by Thomas Jefferson
- Great Britain responded by continuing the war

Declaration of Independence

- I. Preamble
- II. Declaration of Natural Rights
- III. List of Grievances against King George
- IV. Resolution of Independence

Common Sense vs The Declaration of Independence



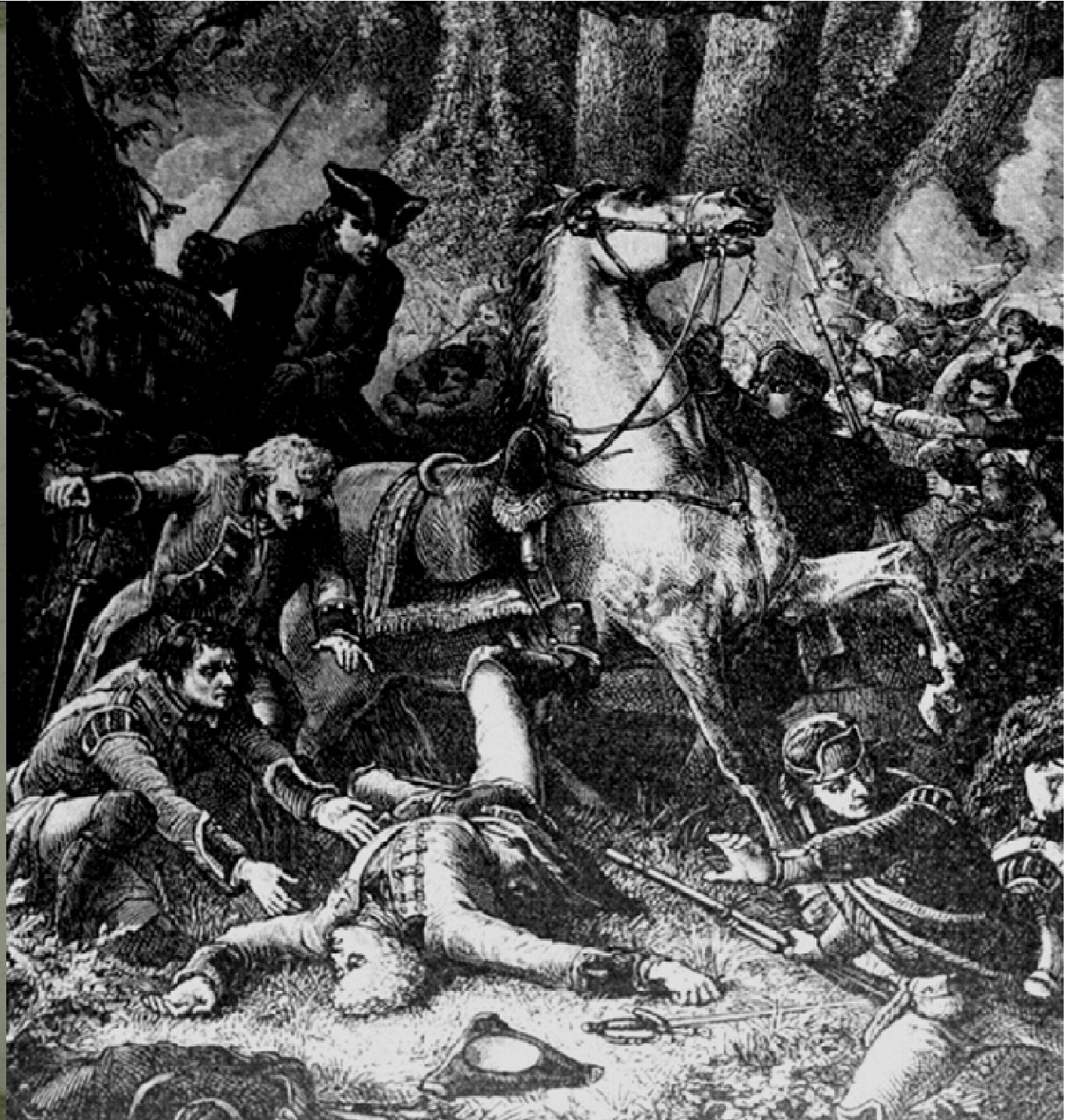
Which side had the advantage in the Revolutionary War?

FACTORS	ENGLAND		THE COLONIES	
Population	12,000,000	X	2, 800,000	
Manufacturing	More manufacturing than any other country in the world	X	Very little manufacturing	
Money	The richest country in the world	X	No money to support war effort	
Support the People	Unpopular in England– they had just fought a war with France		1/3 of people were Loyalists– they were loyal to the king	
Geography	Did not know the land– fighting far from home		Knew the land– could move armies quickly	X
Army	Well- trained army- fought for money	X	Volunteer army– not well trained– fighting for their homes	X
Navy	Strongest navy in the world	X	No real navy	
Leaders	Few officers who could lead		Many good officers	X
Reason for Fighting	No particular interest in the war— England itself was not in danger		Fighting to protect homes and families– freedom to govern themselves	X
Weapons and Supplies	Had food, uniforms, tents, medicine, guns, and ammunition	X	Did not have good supplies of food, uniforms, tents, medicine, guns or ammunition	

How did the colonists win the American Revolution?



guerrilla tactics



**familiar
territory**



1777: French join the colonists *after* **The Battle of Saratoga**, NY.



THE “CAUSE”:

Americans were fighting for their freedom.



1781: The final battle ...

Yorktown, Virginia

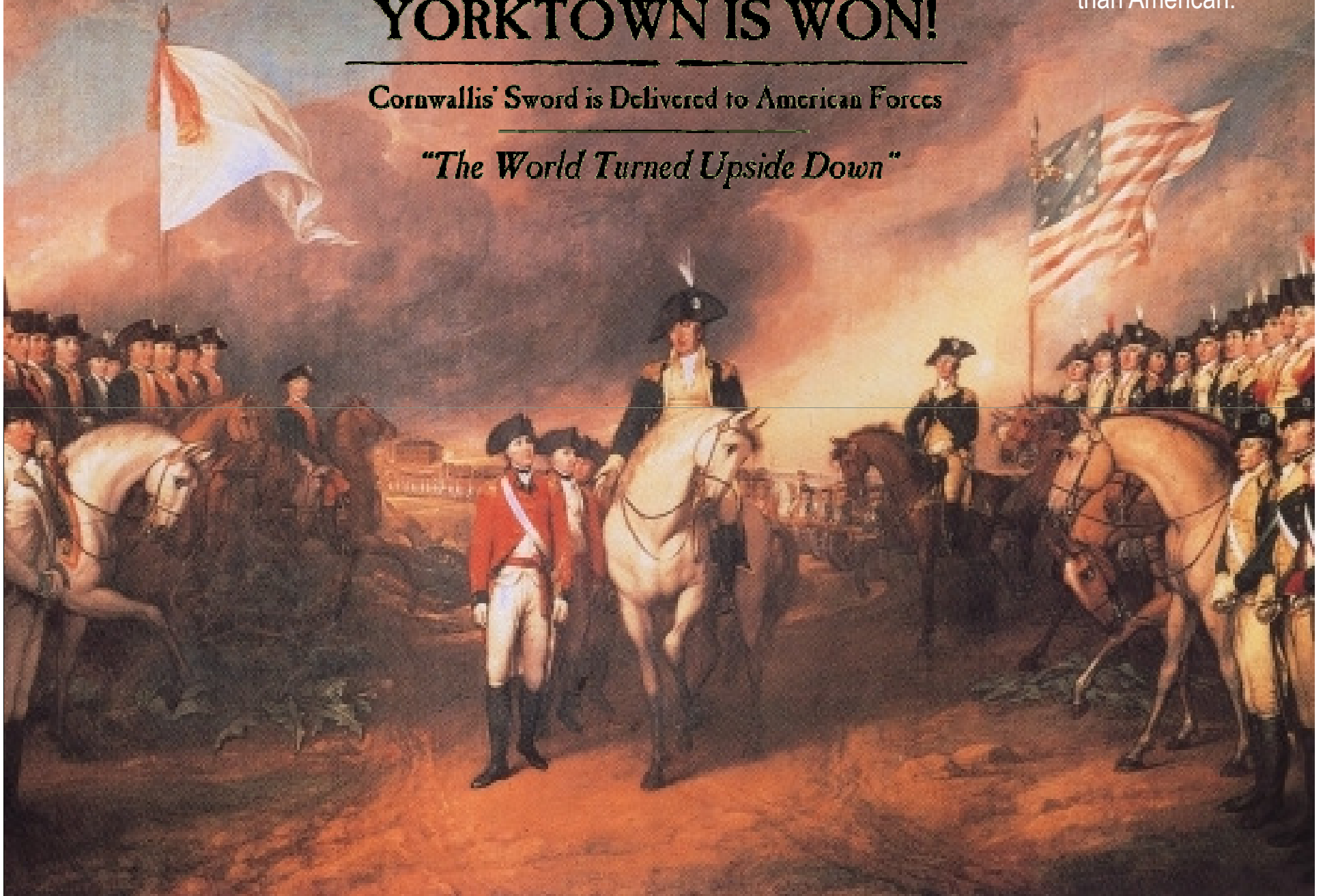
October 19, 1781

More French soldiers
than American.

YORKTOWN IS WON!

Cornwallis' Sword is Delivered to American Forces

"The World Turned Upside Down"

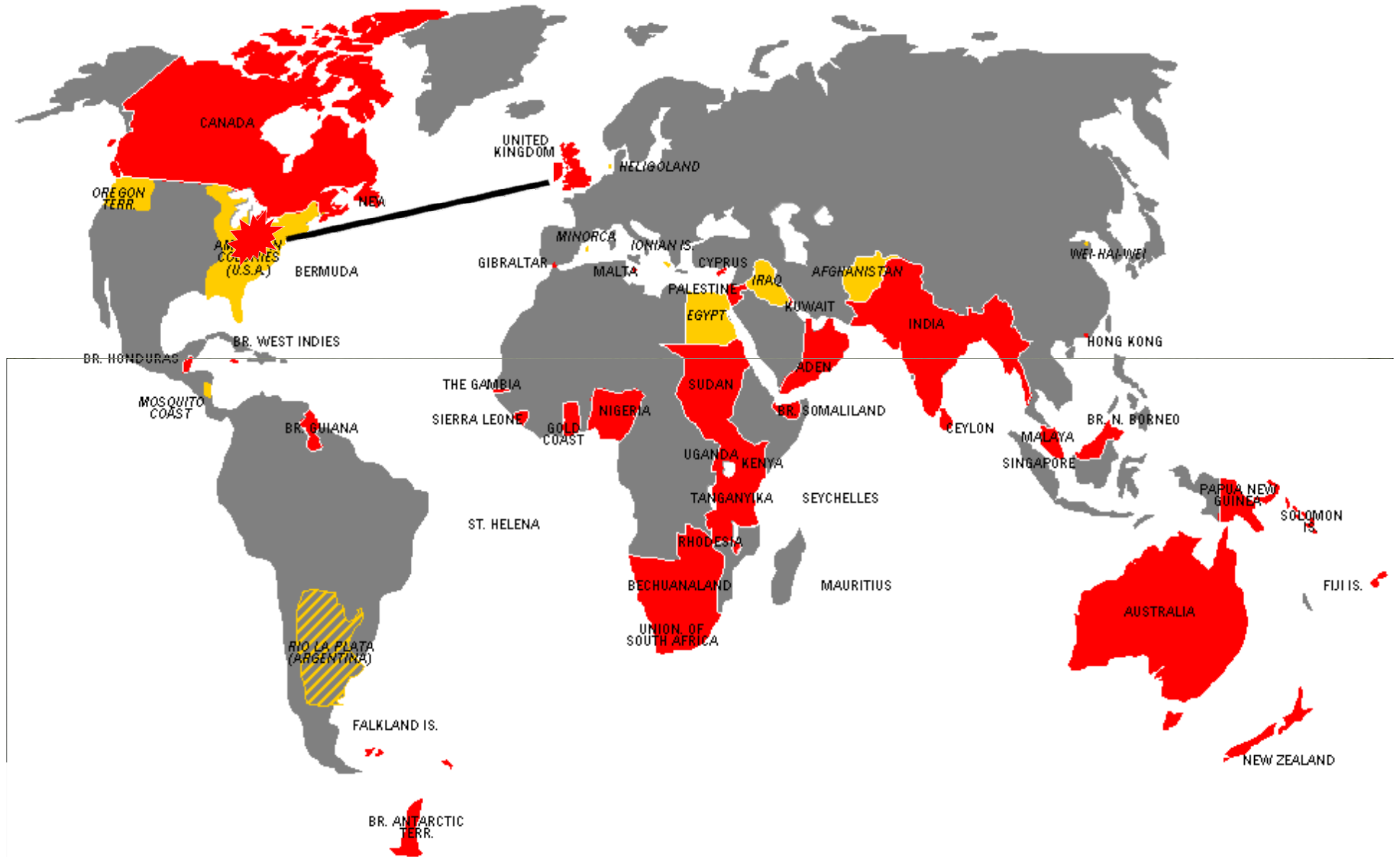


The Battle of Yorktown



In the summer of 1781, the Continentals and their French allies trapped British supply ships in the port of Yorktown. After a week of heavy cannon fire, the British surrendered.

British got tired of fighting 3,000 miles away. Still had colonies around the world.



1783: Treaty of Paris officially ends the war.

