

American Defeat in New York, Summer 1776

- **What happened?**
- The British forced Americans out of New York City into New Jersey.
- Washington only had a few thousand tired, hungry, and badly equipped soldiers left.
- **Battle Importance:**
- Many Americans thought the war was hopeless.
- Inspiration to keep fighting came from Thomas Paine and Nathan Hale.



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Why was this battle important?

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- **Thomas Paine** inspired Patriots in his pamphlet called the *The Crisis*.
 - *“These are the times that try men’s souls.”*
- American spy **Nathan Hale** inspired Patriots at his execution with his famous last words,
 - *“I regret that I only have one life to give for my country.”*



The Crisis

- “These are the times that try [test] men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink [run away] from the service of their country; but he that stands NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”



Washington Crossing the Delaware

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The Victory at Trenton, New Jersey

December 25 - 26 , 1776

- **What happened?**
- After losing New York, Washington retreated to New Jersey and Penn.
- He attacked a British base just after Christmas in New Jersey, handing the British a defeat in Trenton and later in Princeton.
- **Battle Importance:**
- Washington realized he could win with surprise and persistence.
- Patriots began to believe in their cause of independence again.



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Victory at Saratoga, New York

September - October, 1777

- **What happened?**
- A series of battles in New York turned into a major American victory.
- The British lost thousands of soldiers and weapons.
- **Battle Importance:**
- The victory was a turning point in the war because it inspired France and Spain to help America.
- With French money and military aid, America could win the war.



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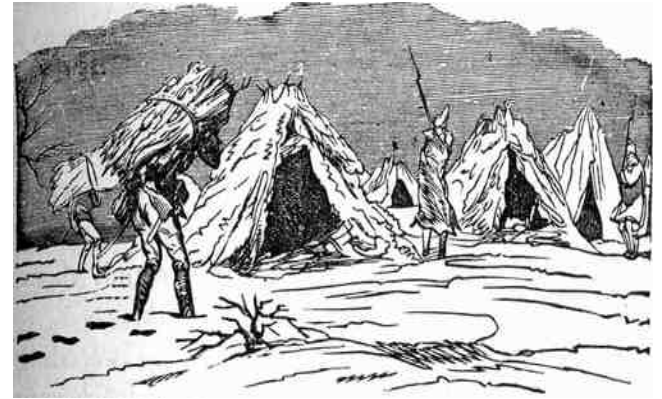
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Winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Winter, 1777 - 1778

- **What happened?**
- Washington's army camped at Valley Forge for the winter.
- At the same time, the British captured the American capital, Philadelphia.
- Of 11,000 American soldiers in Valley Forge, 2,000 to 3,000 died from disease or hunger.
- **Importance:**
- Americans suffered terribly, but gained military training, and were battle ready by spring.



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Why was this battle important?

The Victory at Monmouth, New Jersey

June, 1778

- **What happened?**
- Washington caught up with the British army in New York and pushed them out of New Jersey.
- **Battle Importance:**
- Monmouth: last major battle in the Northern and Middle states, with America in control of the region.
- The war moved south into Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia.



THE AMERICAN CAVALRY CHARGE AT MONMOUTH.

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Why was this battle important?

War in the South, 1778 - 1781

- **What happened?**
- As Americans gained victories in the north, the fighting moved into the southern states.
- The British captured parts of South Carolina, including Camden and Charleston, and Georgia.
- Brutal fighting forced Americans to use guerilla tactics against the British.
- **Battle Importance:**
- Guerrilla tactics and the loss of supplies and troops forced the British into Virginia.



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battle important?

The Siege and Battle of Yorktown, Virginia

October, 1781

- **What happened?**
- The British army gave up control of the Carolinas and moved into Virginia.
- Washington's Continental Army and the French Navy blocked the British general, Charles Cornwallis by land and by sea in Yorktown, Virginia.
- **Battle Importance:**
- With no way out, Cornwallis surrendered to Washington, ending the last major battle of the war.



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Why was this battle important?

Name the Battle

1. This American victory inspired the French to help, turning the war in America's favor. 1. _____

2. Washington crossed the Delaware and surprised the British after Christmas for an American victory. 2. _____

3. The surrender of Cornwallis and the British was the last major battle of the war. 3. _____

4. This American defeat caused many to think the cause of independence was hopeless. 4. _____

5. The war moved to this region in 1778, resulting in brutal fighting and guerrilla tactics. 5. _____

6. This American victory ended most of the fighting in the northern and middle states. 6. _____

7. This horrible winter camp caused suffering, but also helped the American army train and prepare for spring battles. 7. _____

8. What are the dates of the American Revolution? 8. _____
