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.

Hi-lite:

**Battle Title and Date**

Why was this battle important?
American Defeat in New York

• 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

Emanuel Leutz
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.

**Hi-lite:**
**Battle Title and Date**
**Why was this battle important?**
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.

Hi-lite:
Battle Title and Date
Why was this battle important?
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.

**Hi-lite:**
- Battle Title and Date
- 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.

Hi-lite:

Battle Title and Date
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.

Hi-lite:

Battle Title and Date

Why was this 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.

Hi-lite:
Battle Title and Date
Why was this battle important?
Name the Battle

1. This American victory inspired the French to help, turning the war in America’s favor.
2. Washington crossed the Delaware and surprised the British after Christmas for an American victory.
3. The surrender of Cornwallis and the British was the last major battle of the war.
4. This American defeat caused many to think the cause of independence was hopeless.
5. The war moved to this region in 1778, resulting in brutal fighting and guerrilla tactics.
6. This American victory ended most of the fighting in the northern and middle states.
7. This horrible winter camp caused suffering, but also helped the American army train and prepare for spring battles.
8. What are the dates of the American Revolution?