American Revolution:  
Build up, overview, results

Britain as a Super Power:  
- By the 1700s, Britain was a global superpower  
  - Strong trading nation due to its location  
  - Monopolized the __________________________ to Spanish America  
  - Won many European conflicts  

King George III  
- Britain had an __________________________  
- Although enlightened, wanted to reassertion his royal power by:  
  - Choosing his own ministers  
  - __________________________ his cabinet  
  - Making parliament follow his will  

Britain’s American Colonies  
- String of prosperous colonies along North America’s Eastern Coast  
- Colonies linked __________________________ to __________________________ and __________________________  
- Home to diverse religious and ethnic groups  
  - Social distinctions were less important and political discussions were more free in the colonies than in Europe  

Taxes on Colonies  
- Wars in Europe and the Americas had drained the British Treasury  
- King George III expected the colonies to help pay for the wars  
- Passed taxes that directly impacted the colonies,  
  - __________________________ of 1764  
  - __________________________ of 1765  
- Colonists angered by these taxes. Argued they were subjected to " __________________________ " in Parliament  

Clashes broke out in Colonies  
- __________________________  
- Boston Tea Party  

Parliament Passes Punishments  
- Parliament passed harsh laws to __________________________ Massachusetts for the violence and destruction of the tea.  
- Other colonies rally to support Massachusetts  
- A representative from each of the ______ colonies met in Philadelphia at what became the first Continental Congress.  
  - Debated how to respond to British laws  

Colonists decide to declare Independence!  
- War broke out in __________________________  
- George Washington was in charge of the army  
- July 1776, declared __________________________ from Britain  

Declaration of Independence  
- Written primarily by __________________________  
- Inspired by Enlightenment ideas  
  - Primarily __________________________  

Enlightenment Ideas in the D.O.I  
- Government had an obligation to protect people’s __________________________  
- People had the right to overthrow unjust governments  
- Idea of popular sovereignty, or that government’s power comes __________________________
American Disadvantages at the Start of the War

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George Washington
- Used the advantages they did have:
  - o ____________________________
  - o Strong leadership
  - o Fierce determination to _________ for their ideals of ____________________________

America Needed a Strong Alliance
- Needed alliance for ____________________________ and ____________________________ support
- France was persuaded to support the Americans after a strong victory at the Battle of Saratoga
- Followed by Spain and the Netherlands

End of the War
- War ended in 1783 with the signing of the ____________________________
- Britain recognized the Independence of the United States of America

Articles of Confederation
- First draft of the ____________________________
- Proved too ____________________________ to rule the diverse states effectively

Constitution of 1787
- Created a federal republic with power ____________________________ between the federal government and the state governments
- Enlightenment ideas:
  - o Government was a ____________________________ with checks and balances
  - o President and legislature were to be ____________________________
  - o ____________________________ between legislative, executive, and judicial branches

Bill of Rights
- First ____________________________ amendments to the Constitution
- Guaranteed basic rights to citizens that the government was required to ____________________________:
  - o Freedom of ____________________________
  - o Freedom of ____________________________
  - o Freedom of the press
  - o Right to bear arms
  - o Right to ____________________________ of the law

Constitution Officially Adopted in 1789
- Became a ____________________________ to European and Latin American Reformers
- Leaders of American Revolution were inspired by Enlightenment Ideas
- ____________________________ of the American Revolution influenced future revolutions in ____________________________ and ____________________________.
  - o Became a symbol of freedom and success all over the world