



The Founding of the United States of America

Timeline Cards

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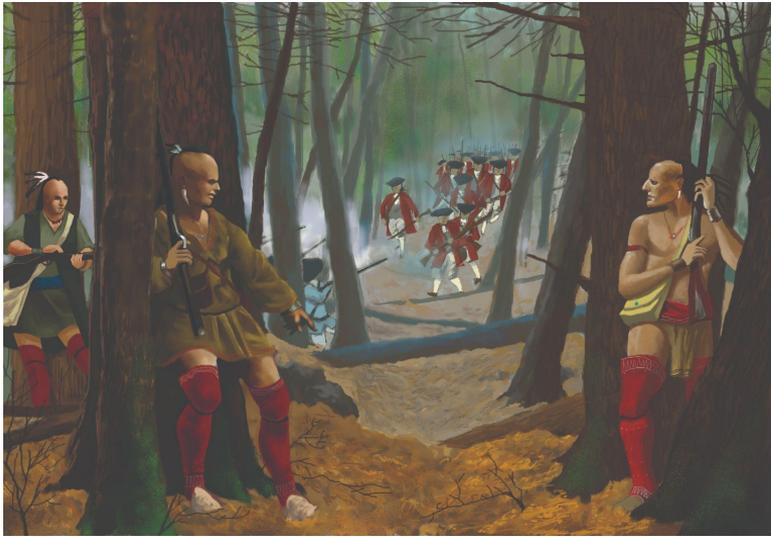
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CHAPTER 1: The Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution



The British won the French and Indian War in 1763.

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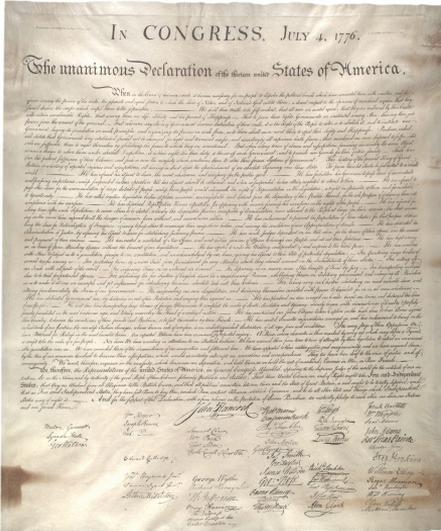


Fighting at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts in April 1775 started the war for independence.

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The American Revolution ended when the British surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, in October 1781.

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CHAPTER 2: The Constitutional Convention



The Articles of Confederation, written in 1781, was the first plan of U.S. government.

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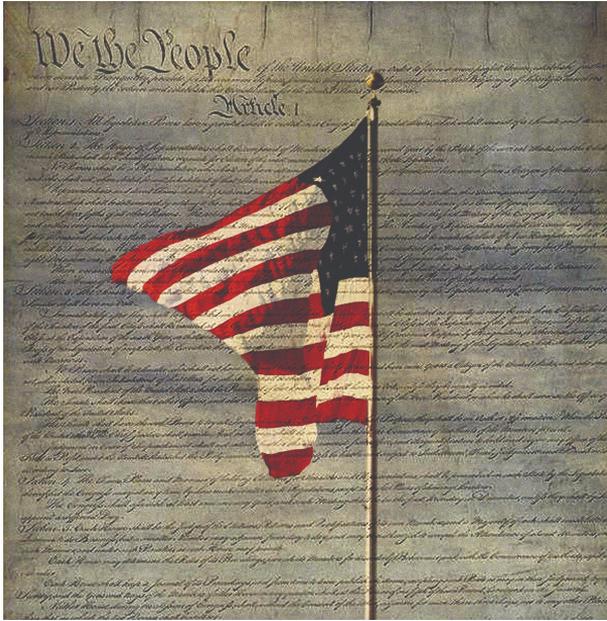


By September 1787, the U.S. Constitution was written and ready to be signed.

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The Bill of Rights was added to the U.S. Constitution in 1791.

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- **First Amendment:** freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly
 - **Second Amendment:** the right of the people to keep and bear arms
 - **Third Amendment:** restricts housing soldiers in private homes without the owner's consent
 - **Fourth Amendment:** protects against unreasonable search and seizure
 - **Fifth Amendment:** protects against self-incrimination, being tried twice for the same crime, and the seizure of property under eminent domain
 - **Sixth Amendment:** the rights to a speedy trial, trial by jury, and the services of a lawyer
 - **Seventh Amendment:** guarantees trial by jury in cases involving a certain dollar amount
 - **Eighth Amendment:** prohibits excessive bail or fines and cruel and unusual punishment for crimes
 - **Ninth Amendment:** declares that the listing of certain rights (in the Bill of Rights) does not mean that other rights are not in effect
 - **Tenth Amendment:** declares that powers not granted to the federal government are reserved for states or individual people

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CHAPTER 3: The First President

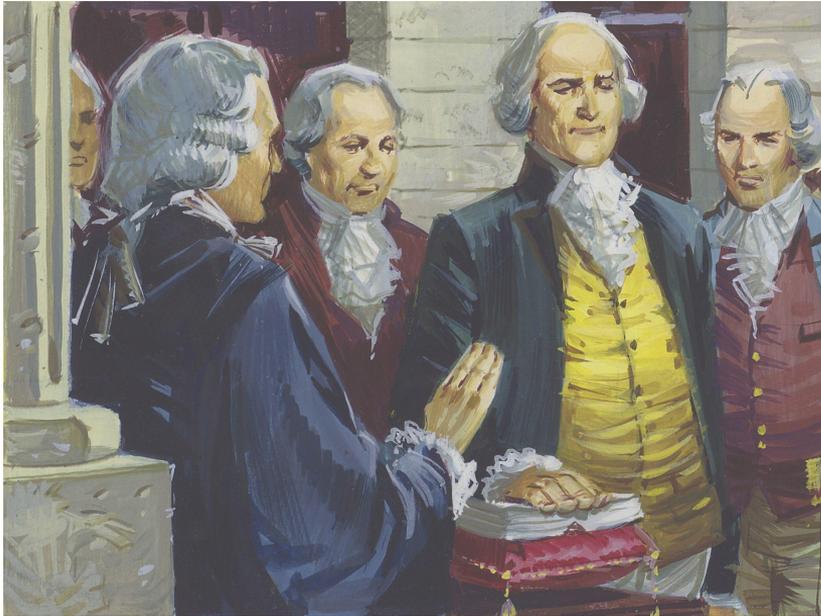


George Washington served as chairman of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787.

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President Washington helped put an end to the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794.

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George Washington left the presidency in 1797.

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The Washington Monument was dedicated in 1885 to the first U.S. president.

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