

Question	Answer
What did the Second Continental Congress decide?	The Second Continental Congress decided to form an army, elect a commander to the army, and declare independence from Britain.
Why was Paine's Common Sense convincing to many people?	It was easy to understand.
What resulted from Paine's Common Sense?	The Declaration of Independence was drafted.
What is the main argument in the Declaration of Independence?	People are born with rights that cannot be taken away.
What does the Declaration of Independence say about Britain?	The King abused his power.
Why was signing the Declaration of Independence a dangerous act?	Britain viewed those who signed it as traitors.
How did Washington force the British out of Boston?	Washington put cannons on hills above the city.
How did the victory at Trenton affect Americans?	Americans had renewed hope.
How did the American victory at Saratoga affect the war?	France became an American ally and joined the war.
What role did African American Patriots play in the war?	They fought in almost every battle of the war.
What was Prince Hall known for?	During the war he led the struggle to end slavery.
What did women contribute during the American Revolution?	They repaired socks, delivered water, wrote poetry and plays.
How did Von Steuben help the Continental Army?	He trained the soldiers.
Which two European groups fought against the British with the Americans?	French and Spanish
What describes George Rogers Clark and John Paul Jones?	They were determined to win.
What helped Washington defeat the British at Yorktown?	The arrival of the French navy making a blockade.
What resulted from the American victory at Yorktown?	The American Revolution ended.
Why did the Second Continental Congress form the Continental Army before sending the Olive Branch Petition to King George III?	There was no evidence that King George III would accept the petition, so the Second Continental Congress formed the Continental Army to make sure they were prepared for the worst.

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What convinced many people in the colonies that it was time to declare independence?	Thomas Paine's pamphlet Common Sense convinced many people that it was time to declare independence. The pamphlet was successful because it was written in a simple style that many people could understand.
What risk was taken by those who signed the Declaration of Independence?	All those who signed the Declaration of Independence were taking the risk of being hanged as traitors to King George III.
What effect did the American victory at Saratoga have on other nations?	The American victory at Saratoga proved to other nations that there was hope the Americans could defeat Britain. This convinced them to join forces with the Americans.
Why were more than 2,500 members of Washington's army lost at Valley Forge?	Washington's army was short of food and warm clothing. Many of the soldiers didn't have shoes. Many men died from hunger, cold, and disease.
How did other nations contribute to the American Revolution?	Other nations sent ships, soldiers, and money. Some nations sent men to train the American soldiers.
Why did Cornwallis decide to take his troops north and camp at Yorktown?	Cornwallis grew tired of chasing Greene across North Carolina and South Carolina and decided to set up camp in the north.
In what ways did the Treaty of Paris create a new set of challenges for the Americans?	The Treaty of Paris ended the American Revolution and made the United States of America a recognized independent nation. As a newly formed nation, the U.S. needed to determine the country's type of government and make decisions about slavery and Native Americans.