

4th Grade Revolutionary War Resources

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

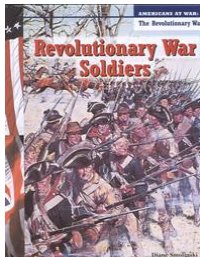
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- Location of New York State
- The significance of New York State's location and its relationship to the locations of other people and places
- Geographic features that influenced the War
- Native American Indians in New York State influenced the War.
- The war strategy: Saratoga and other local battles
- Loyalists and patriots in New York State
- Leaders of the Revolution
- Effects of the Revolutionary War
- Causes for Revolution: social, political, economic

Books:

Revolutionary War Soldiers by Diane Smolinski (2002)

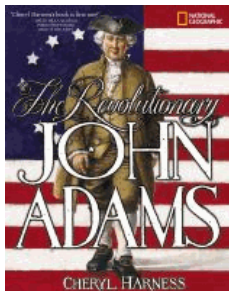
The Revolutionary War divided American colonists into two groups—the Loyalists and the Patriots. Soldiers on each side fought bravely for their cause. Read *Revolutionary War Soldiers* to find out what it was like to be a soldier the armies on both sides.



Guided Reading: W
32 Pages

The Revolutionary John Adams by Cheryl Harness (2003)

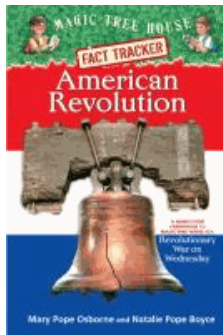
A biography of John Adams with emphasis on his role in the American Revolution.



Guided Reading: W
40 Pages

American Revolution by Mary Pope Osborne (2004)

Presents a picture of life in colonial America and reviews the causes and major events of the American Revolution.

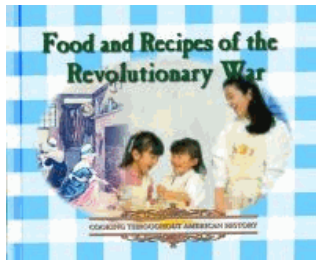


Guided Reading: S

121 Pages

Food and Recipes of the Revolutionary War by George Erdosh (1997)

Describes the kinds of foods commonly consumed by colonists, including soldiers, during the time of the American Revolutionary War. Includes recipes.

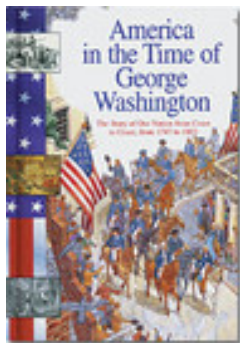


Guided Reading: Q

24 Pages

America at the Time of George Washington : 1747 - 1803 by Sally Senzell Isaacs (1998)

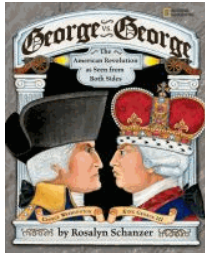
Uses the life of George Washington as a reference to examine the history of the United States during the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the time of the Continental Congress, and early years of this new nation.



Guided Reading: Q

48 Pages

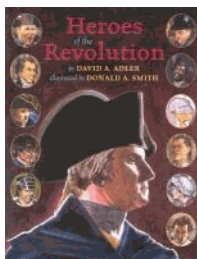
George vs. George: The American Revolution as seen from both sides by Rosalyn Schanzer (2004) Explores how the characters and lives of King George III of England and George Washington affected the progress and outcome of the American Revolution. Shows glimpses of life in both England and Colonial America and presents a broad view of the events leading up to and during the Revolutionary War. Loads of primary source quotes presented in speech bubbles help provide a full account of the birth of the United States, offering insights into the actions and convictions of participants on both sides of the Atlantic.



Guided Reading: T
60 Pages

Heroes of the Revolution by David A. Adler (2003)

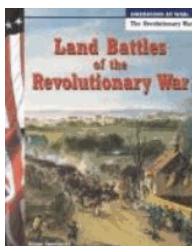
Heroes include George Washington, Ethan Allen, Crispus Attucks, Lydia Darragh, Nathan Hale, Mary "Molly Pitcher" Hays, Thomas Jefferson, John Paul Jones, Thomas Paine, Paul Revere, Haym Salomon, and Deborah Sampson.



Guided Reading: S
32 Pages

Land Battles of the Revolutionary War by Diane Smolinski (2002)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Describes what life was like during the Revolutionary War, focusing on key land battles in the eight-year conflict, with battle maps, action reports, and time lines.



Guided Reading: W
32 Pages

Events Leading Up to the American Revolution by Linda Wade (2001)

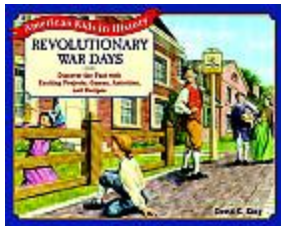
Includes index. Examines the reasons why the American colonists rebelled against the British, discussing taxes, the invasion of Boston, the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and other events.



Guided Reading: T
32 Pages

Revolutionary War Days : discover the past with exciting projects, games, activities, and recipes by David C. King (2001)

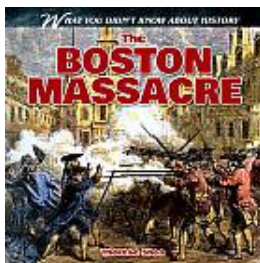
Includes bibliographical references (p. 97) and index. Presents nearly thirty projects related to each of the four seasons, during the years of the Revolutionary War; examples include New England Indian Pudding and Ben Franklin's Glass Harmonica.



Guided Reading: n/a
100 Pages

The Boston Massacre by Therese Shea (2014)

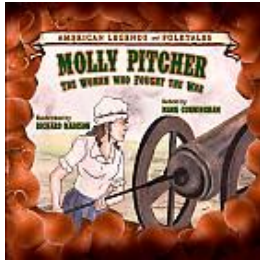
Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Examines the reasons why many American colonists were unhappy under British rule, discusses the decision to send British troops to Boston, describes the events of the Boston Massacre, a skirmish between British troops and colonists that led to the deaths of five Bostonians, and looks at how the incident added to the growing call for American independence.



Guided Reading: Q
24 Pages

Molly Pitcher: The Woman Who Fought the War by Mark Cunningham (2014)

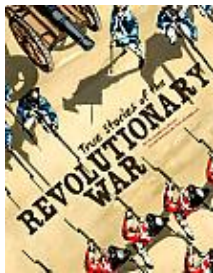
Includes bibliographical references (page 31). Profiles the life of New Jersey born Mary Ludwig who became a Revolutionary War heroine when she carried water to American soldiers and even fired a cannon herself during the Battle of Monmouth.



Guided Reading: Q
31 Pages

True Stories of the Revolutionary War by Elizabeth Raum (2013)

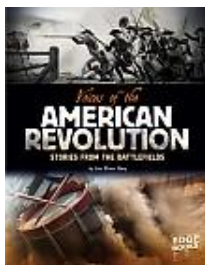
Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. In graphic novel format, tells the stories of six men and women who fought for their beliefs during the Revolutionary War.



Guided Reading: Q
32 Pages

Voices of the American Revolution: stories from the battlefields by Lois Miner Huey (2011)

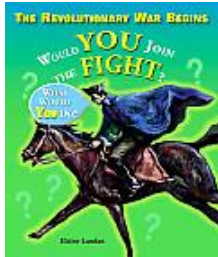
Includes bibliographical references (p. 30-31) and index. The start of a revolution -- Andrew Sherburne : American sailor -- Julius Wasmus : German doctor -- David Fanning : Loyalist escape artist -- Joseph Martin : American private -- Deborah Samson : an unlikely soldier -- The war's end. Describes the war experiences of five participants in the American Revolution, including an American sailor, a wealthy Loyalist, a German doctor, and a woman who disguised herself a man so she could fight.



Guided Reading: S
32 Pages

The Revolutionary War Begins: Would You Join the Fight? by Elaine Landau (2009)

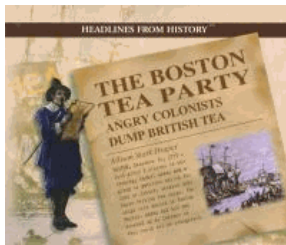
Includes bibliographical references (p. 47) and index.; Angry about taxes -- King George stands firm -- Hancock continues to rebel -- Soldiers follow orders -- Colonists learn of the raid -- Revere tries to warn the colonists -- Revere gets away -- Hancock and Adams escape -- The British go to Concord -- Minutemen fight bravely at North Bridge -- Colonel Smith heads back to Boston -- The militias keep fighting. Explores the beginning of the Revolutionary War, discussing the causes and leaders of the rebellion, and how the first shots fired at Lexington and Concord began America's long road to independence.



Guided Reading: R
48 Pages

The Boston Tea Party: Angry Colonists Dump British Tea by Allison Stark Draper (2000)

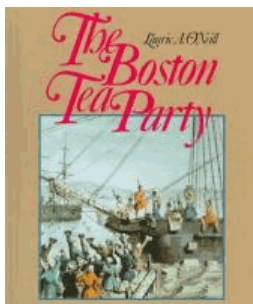
This book describes the series of events that led up to the Boston Tea Party and explains how this act helped bring about the war for independence.



Guided Reading: S
24 Pages

The Boston Tea Party by R. Conrad Stein (1996)

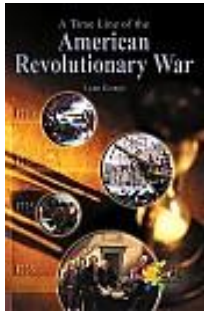
Describes the events preceding, during, and following this noted event, which helped precipitate the American Revolutionary War.



Guided Reading: S
30 Pages

A Timeline of the American Revolution by Lynn George (2003)

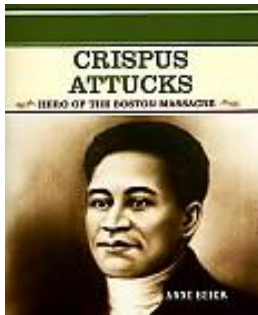
Includes index. A discussion of the American Revolution which takes a chronological approach, focusing on the development and use of a time line.



Guided Reading: S
24 Pages

Crispus Attucks: Hero of the Boston Massacre by Anne Beier (2004)

Includes index. Introduces the life of Crispus Attucks, a former slave who died in the Boston Massacre, a fight between the British and American colonists that occurred before the American Revolution.



Guided Reading: O
32 Pages

The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson by Ann McGovern (1975)

A brief biography of the woman who disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.



Guided Reading: Q
63 Pages

Digital Resources

Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

Brainpop Jr.: *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3, but can be used in 4th and 5th grades as well.*

These videos offered by Brainpop Jr. support the New York State Social Studies Standards on the Revolutionary War for 4th Grade: "George Washington" and "The Thirteen Colonies"

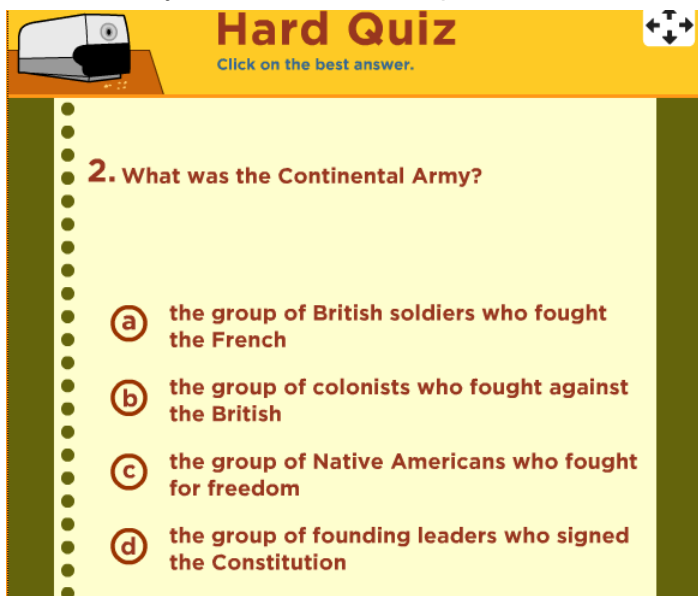


BrainPOP Jr. social studies American history George Washington

How did George Washington become president?

In 1775, colonists and British soldiers started fighting, and the American Revolutionary War began.

Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.



Hard Quiz

Click on the best answer.

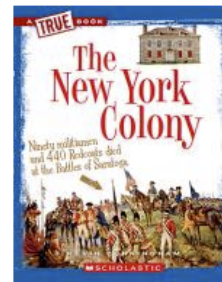
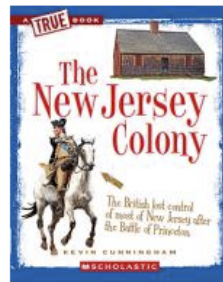
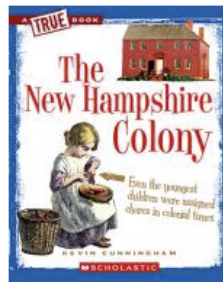
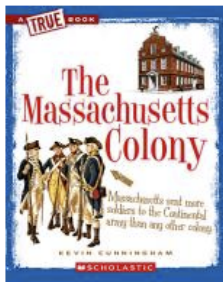
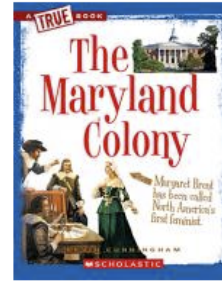
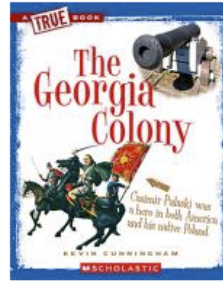
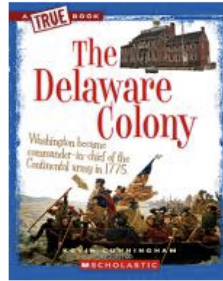
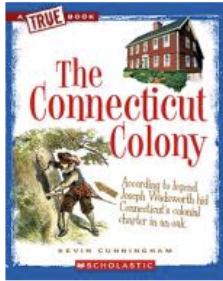
2. What was the Continental Army?

- a) the group of British soldiers who fought the French
- b) the group of colonists who fought against the British
- c) the group of Native Americans who fought for freedom
- d) the group of founding leaders who signed the Constitution

TrueFlix: Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

Trueflix contains a book for each of the original colonies. These titles support the New York State Social Studies Standards on the Revolutionary War for 4th Grade. The books are 48 pages long, and include a “Read-Along” button which highlights each word as it is read aloud.

The Thirteen Colonies



Here is a sample page from *The New York Colony*:

Table of Contents

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General Washington and the Continental army



New York's Founding Fathers



William Floyd

What connections did these founders have to New York? 38

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The Dutch West India Company brought 11 slaves to New Netherland in 1625.

Each subject in *Trueflix* has a part called “Show What You Know.” This is a ten question quiz that can be used to check understanding from the text.

Show What You Know

4. Which word best describes New York during the turn of the 18th century?



- rural
- unfriendly
- declining
- prosperous

SUBMIT

Trueflix also offers word match activity that can be done online. Word match gives a clue that can then be matched with a keyword from the text. As you can see from the toolbar on the left, there are project ideas for the classroom, a list of other non-fiction resources on the same topic in “Explore More,” related websites that have been tested and recommended, and a 3-6 minute video in “Watch the Video.”



Start

Watch the Video

Read the Book

Explore More

Project Idea

Activity Center

- Show What You Know
- Word Match

Explore the Web

More
Space

Word Match

Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches.
Match all the words to uncover a picture.

CLUE: an agreement to work together for some result

legislature	militia	Loyalists
Iroquois	independence	alliance
constitution	boycott	Patriots

Pebble Go! *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go has these two books which align with New York State Social Studies Standards on Revolutionary War for 4th Grade. You can find these titles in the “U.S. Government” part of the Social Studies section in Pebble Go:



Here is a look at the inside of both books:

A screenshot of the 'U.S. Constitution' book page in Pebble Go. The page has a blue header with a navigation bar and a title 'U.S. Constitution'. Below the header is a menu with tabs: 'What Is the Constitution?', 'When Was It Made?', 'Who Made the Constitution?', 'A New Government', 'The Bill of Rights', and 'Related Articles'. The main content area features a speaker icon and a paragraph of text: 'The U.S. Constitution is a document. It set up the United States government. It gave the government three branches. Each branch has equal power.' To the right of the text is an image of the U.S. Constitution document. Below the image is the caption 'The U.S. Constitution'.

A screenshot of the 'Declaration of Independence' book page in Pebble Go. The page has a blue header with a navigation bar and a title 'Declaration of Independence'. Below the header is a menu with tabs: 'Declaration of Independence', 'Why Was It Written?', 'Who Wrote the Declaration?', 'What the Declaration Means', 'The Declaration Today', and 'Related Articles'. The main content area features a speaker icon and a paragraph of text: 'The Declaration of Independence is a document written in 1776. It said the United States was a free and independent country. The Declaration told about the rights of every U.S. citizen.' To the right of the text is an image of Independence Hall. Below the image is the caption 'The Declaration was signed in Independence Hall.'

World Book Web:

The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. Most all of these World Book Web research tools include options where text can be read aloud to the user. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

World Book Discover has an article called "american revolution" which aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards for 4th Grade. You can use this link to access the article on day and night:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wbdiscover/article?id=ar831837&st=revolutionary+war>

OR you can simply type "american revolution" in World Book Discover and choose the first article.



The screenshot shows the World Book Discover website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation options like "Search All", "Search Images", and "Advanced Search". The main content area is titled "Article content" and features a "Back" button. Below this, there are "Tools" such as "Print", "Save to My Research", "Save article", "E-mail Article", "Highlight search term in text", and "Enable read-aloud toolbar". The article title is "American Revolution". The text describes the American Revolution (1775-1783) and its significance. An image of a battle scene is included, with a caption: "The Battle of Bunker Hill (1775) was the first big battle in the American Revolution." To the right of the article, there are "Comprehension questions" listed. On the left side, there are options for "Other languages" (including "En español") and a "Translate this text into:" section with a dropdown menu set to "Arabic" and a "GO" button. A "Please Note" is also present regarding the translation service.

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Tools

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American Revolution

The American Revolution (1775-1783) led to the establishment of the United States. The American Revolution refers to a war that was fought between Great Britain and its 13 colonies in North America. A colony is an area of land that is under the control of another country.



Image

[The Battle of Bunker Hill \(1775\) was the first big battle in the American Revolution.](#)

Comprehension questions

1. When did the American Revolution begin?
2. What country did the American Colonies fight in the American Revolution?
3. What type of laws did the British Parliament pass that angered the American colonists the most?
4. What was the name of the treaty that ended the American Revolution?

Here is a list of other articles offered in World Book Discover that involve individuals and events around the American Revolutionary War:

For more information, see these articles:

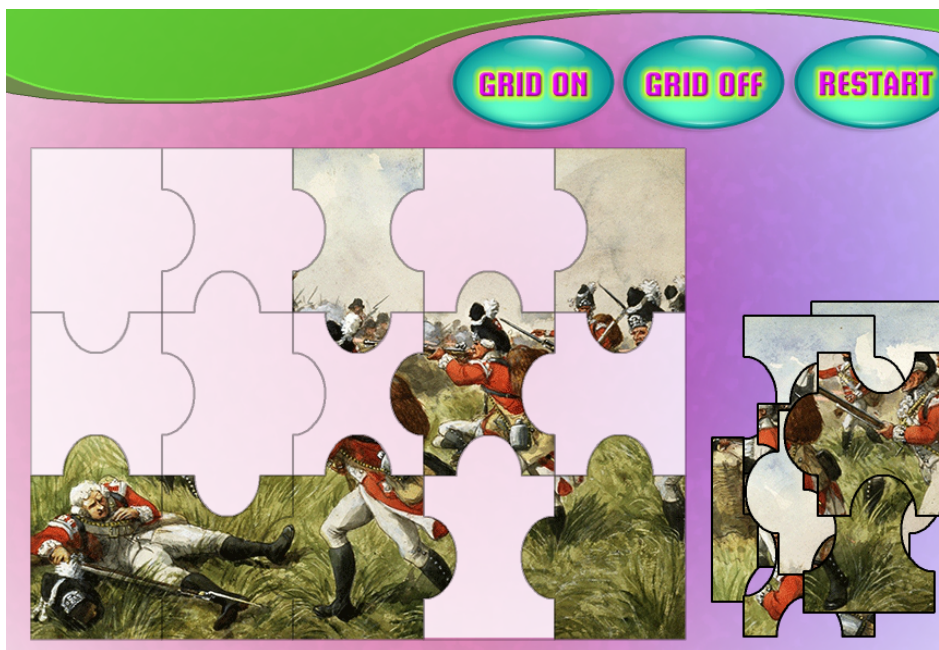
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[Oriskany, Battle of](#)
[Pitcher, Molly](#)
[Poor, Salem](#)
[Princeton, Battle of](#)
[Pulaski, Casimir](#)
[Revere, Paul](#)
[Sampson, Deborah](#)
[Sullivan's Island, Battle of](#)
[Washington, George](#)

This is a “United States History” sorting game that is available in World Book Kids:
<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/games?id=gm210026>



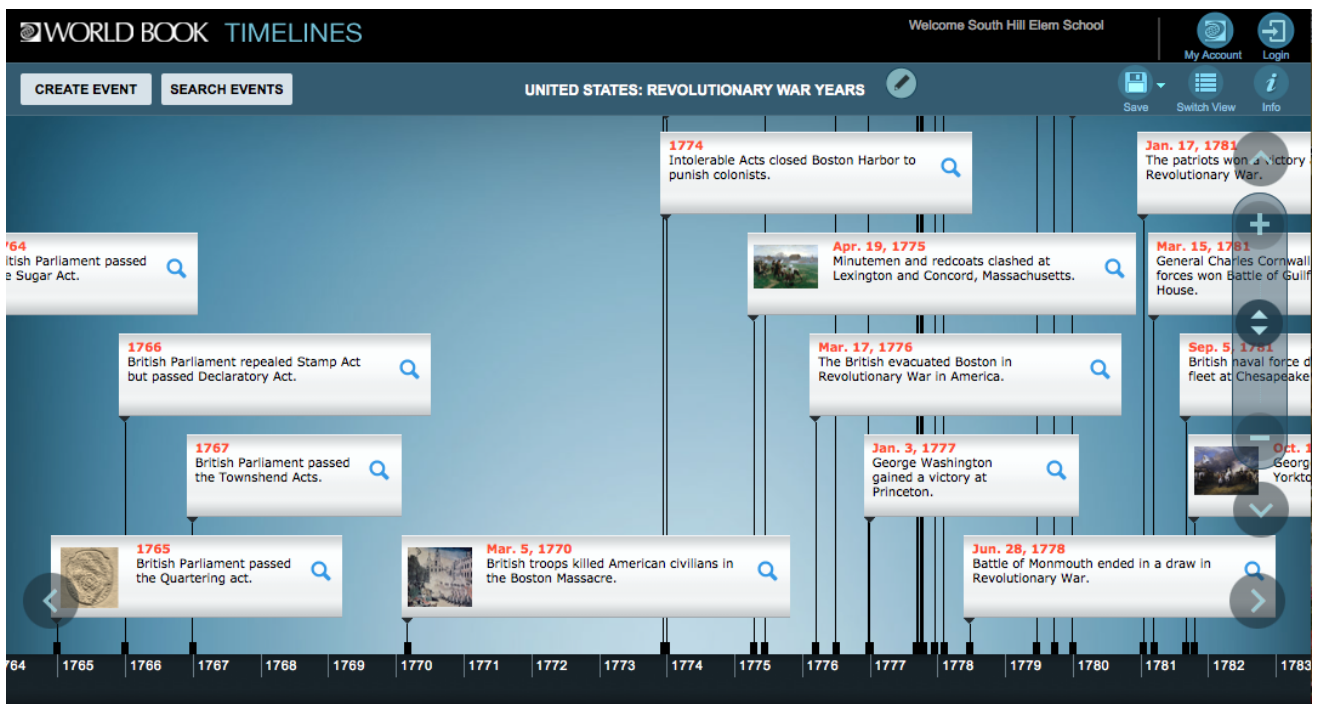
World Book Kids also offers an “American Fight for Freedom” Puzzle available in easy, medium and hard:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/games?id=gm210010>



World Book Timelines includes a useful and interactive time-line on the American Revolutionary War called “United States: Revolutionary War Years”:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/wbtimelines/viewtimelines?source=WB&timelineId=52fc5f6d7fa57cac1bf1b7d7>



Websites:

Liberty! The American Revolution

<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/>

This companion site to a PBS documentary includes a chronicle of the revolution, perspectives on liberty, and an interactive game.

The American Revolution

<http://www.theamericanrevolution.org/>

The aim of this Web site is to give an overview of the war for student use, arranged in these categories: timeline, battles, people, places, events, historical documents, and viewpoints.

American Revolution

<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/>

Follow the timelines of events before, during, and after the war.

The American Revolution

<http://www.ouramericanrevolution.org/>

Everything there is to know about the Revolutionary War from cities and faiths to clothing and theater. Written for adults but a lot of content could be usable in the elementary classroom.

American Revolution for Kids

<http://mrnussbaum.com/amflash/>

Includes interactive battle maps, causes and effects, videos and information on loyalists and patriots.

Virtual Marching Tour of the American Revolution

<http://www.ushistory.org/march/>

The story of the Revolutionary War from the Independence Hall Association, a nonprofit organization.

iPad apps:

Revolutionary War - by Multieducator

Cost: \$4.99

Includes causes of the war, major battles and events, 200 biographies on early Americans, letters between John and Abigail Adams, economics during the war and documents of the period.

American Revolution Interactive Timeline - by Bluecadet

Cost: Free

An interactive timeline showcasing artwork, weapons, clothing, objects, and manuscripts from the American Revolutionary War Museum.