

AQA A-Level History American Revolution 1740-96 Bridging Work

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Core Text(s)

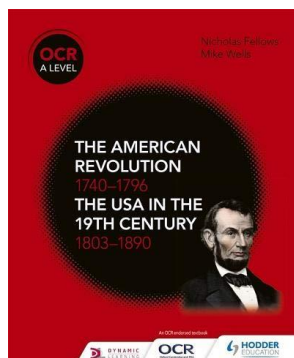
Please see a description of the core course textbook below – please order this as soon as you can to ensure it is delivered before you start the course in September.

The American Revolution 1740-96

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Hodder Education

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Bridging Work (to be submitted in your first lesson in September)

Activity 1 – Key individual fact-files

You will come across a whole host of key individuals throughout your time studying the American Revolution. To get a head start, can you please conduct some preliminary research and produce a short fact-file for each of the following individuals. You will find more information for some than others, so these fact-files could range anywhere from a short paragraph to half a page.

The British:

King George II

King George III

William Pitt the Elder, Earl of Chatham

Lord Jeffrey Amherst

General James Wolfe

Major General Edward Braddock

Thomas Pelham-Holles, Duke of Newcastle

John Stuart, Lord Bute

George Grenville

Edmund Burke

General Thomas Gage

Charles Watson-Wentworth, 2nd Marquess of Rockingham

Charles Townshend

Frederick North, Lord North

William Howe

Sir Guy Carleton

General William Howe

General Charles Cornwallis

John Burgoyne

Horatio Gates
Banastre Tarleton
Sir Henry Clinton
Lord George Germain
William Petty, Lord Shleburne
Charles James Fox
William Pitt the Younger

The American colonists:

George Washington
Henry Laurens
Patrick Henry
Thomas Jefferson
John Adams
Samuel Adams
James Otis
John Dickinson
Paul Revere
Benjamin Franklin
James Madison
Alexander Hamilton
Benedict Arnold
Ethan Allen
Richard Henry Lee
Jane McRea
Abigail Adams
John Paul Jones
John Jay
Daniel Shays
Elbridge Gerry
Edmund Randolph
Anthony Wayne
Charles Pinckney

Those who assisted the colonists in the War of Independence:

Friedrich von Stauben
Marshal de Rochambeau
King Louis XVI
Marquis de la Fayette

Key philosophers:

Thomas Paine
John Locke
Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Montesquieu
John Wilkes

Native American

Pontiac, Chief of the Ottawa tribe

Activity 2 – Key terms and concept definitions

Similar to Activity 1, I would like you to produce some very brief definitions of the following key terms and concepts.

- Absolutism
- Assembly
- Backcountry
- Blockade
- Boycott
- Bonds
- Charter
- Circular letter
- Colonist
- Commerce
- Commuted sentence
- Concurrent powers
- Congress
- Constitution
- Convention (politics)
- Despotism
- Divine right
- Duty (economics)
- Electoral college
- Embargoing
- Enlightenment
- Enumerated goods
- Executive (government)
- External taxes
- Federalist
- (Anti) Federalist
- Federal government
- Foreclosures
- Founding Fathers
- Fugitive slaves
- Guerrilla Warfare
- Ideology
- Impeachment
- Internal taxes
- Judiciary
- Legislature
- Liberty
- Loyalist
- Mercantilism
- Militia
- Minutemen
- Mob action
- Natural rights
- Pamphlet
- Patriot
- Popular sovereignty

- President
- Privateers
- Radicalism
- Ratification
- Repeal
- Representation
- Republicanism
- Revolution
- Salutary Neglect
- Self-determination
- Senate
- Smuggling
- Sons of Liberty
- Specie
- Settler
- Tariff
- Tarring and feathering
- Tidewater
- Tyranny
- Westward expansion
- Whiggism

Activity 3 – Timeline of key events

Below are a series of key events that took place during the period 1740-96, but they are in the wrong order. Produce a timeline and place them in the right order. You may wish to define them or include additional events you discover as you go along.

- Declaration of Independence
- Boston Massacre
- Seven Years' War
- Stamp Act
- Siege of Yorktown
- Pontiac's Rebellion
- Shays' Rebellion
- Intolerable Acts
- Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill
- Townshend Duties
- Washington becomes president
- Declaratory Act
- Battle of Saratoga
- Jay Treaty
- Articles of Confederation
- Peace of Paris
- Thomas Paine's Common Sense published
- First Continental Congress
- Federalist Papers published
- Proclamation Act
- Boston Tea Party
- Philadelphia convention

Activity 4 – Wider reading

Though there is a broader wider reading list available, why not start with the following short histories and primary documents to help you develop your understanding.

- *The American Revolution: A Very Short Introduction* Robert J. Allison, Oxford University Press
- *The Founding Fathers: A Very Short Introduction*, R. B. Bernstein, Oxford University Press
- *American History: A Very Short Introduction*, Paul S. Boyer, Oxford University Press
- [*The Declaration of Independence*](#)
- [*The Constitution of the United States*](#)