

APUSH—Kind
Key Revolutionary War Battles

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Typically when studying wars, we focus on the first, turning point & final battles. The American Revolution is different because it is extremely difficult to pinpoint the first battle, indeed the beginning of the war itself. The battles highlighted in bold below are the most significant for our purposes in APUSH.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Significance</u>
Lexington-Concord	April 1775	Massachusetts	First armed conflict. Propaganda victory for U.S. Casualties: U.S.:95. British: 270
Ft. Ticonderoga	May 1775	Lake Champlain	Ethan Allen captured fort and cannon later used in defense of Boston
Breed's Hill (Bunker Hill)	June 1775	Boston	1/6 of all British officers killed in war die here. Only battle in long siege of Boston
Invasion of Quebec	Winter 1775-76	Maine/Canada	Gens. Arnold and Montgomery failed in invasion attempt of Canada
Dorchester Heights	March 1776	Boston	British forced to evacuate New England
Declaration of Independence	July 1776	Philadelphia	2nd Continental Congress issues formal declaration of separation from British
Long Island	Aug 1776	New York	U.S. forces forced to retreat to Manhattan, then New Jersey
<u>Trenton</u>	Dec 1776	New Jersey	Hessian army crushed in Washington's raid across the Delaware River. Casualties: U.S. :4, British: 900
<u>Princeton</u>	Jan 1777	New Jersey	U.S. recovers New Jersey from British in 10 days. British retreat to New York, where they remain for the war.
Brandywine Creek Germantown	Sep 1777 Oct 1777	Pennsylvania	British seize Philadelphia after these victories
<u>Saratoga</u>	Oct 17, 1777	Upstate New York	Turning point of war. British attempted to capture NY & cut off New England. Arnold slowed down Burgoyne who surrendered 5800 troops. Victory led to alliance with France.
Monmouth	June 1778	New Jersey	U.S. army almost captured British but cowardice allowed British forces to escape
Savannah	Dec 1778	Georgia	Beginning of British push in the South
Vincennes	Fe 1779b	Western territories	Clark captures British forts which proved important in negotiations with British after the war
Charleston	Dec 1779	South Carolina	British gain control of South with victory here
King's Mountain	Oct 1780	South Carolina	Bloody victory for U.S.
<u>Yorktown</u>	Oct 19, 1781	Virginia	Cornwallis surrenders to Washington as French & American naval & land forces trap British on peninsula; British reinforcements arrived too late..

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