



2. The Continental Army

Who fought in the Continental army?

volunteers, poor farmers, merchants, workers, many slaves, and some women

List three problems the Continental army and navy faced.

1. *little money to pay soldiers or buy supplies*
2. *many volunteers who knew little about being soldiers*
3. *small army*

3. The British Army

List at least three ways in which the British army differed from the Continental army.

1. *large and well trained*
2. *paid, full-time soldiers*
3. *experienced fighters*
4. *had money from Parliament to buy supplies*

4. The British Army Is Far from Home

List at least two challenges the British faced by fighting a war so far from home.

1. *hard to get supplies, orders, and soldiers to the war*
2. *supply ships attacked by privateers and French warships*
3. *did not know the land*
4. *no local support*

5. The Continental Army Is Motivated to Win

What motivated soldiers in the Continental army?

1. *defending the rights described in the Declaration of Independence*
2. *fighting for a better future for themselves and their families*
3. *defending their homes*

List three groups who lived in the colonies but did not fight the British.

1. *Loyalists*
2. *some slaves*
3. *many American Indians*

6. Different War Strategies

The British used a war strategy of being on the offensive. List an example of an offensive tactic by the British.

1. *controlling Boston*
2. *capturing key cities like New York City*
3. *defeating the Continental army in face-to-face fighting*

The Continental Army used a war strategy of being on the defensive. List an example of a defensive tactic by the Continental army.

1. *avoiding facing the British in the open*
2. *making surprise attacks against British soldiers in the countryside*
3. *using hidden sharpshooters to pick off British troops, one by one*

7. The Continental Army Gains Allies

List at least three ways in which foreign allies helped the Patriots.

1. *France supplied arms, loaned money, and later sent troops and ships.*
2. *Some helped train and lead the Americans.*
3. *Spain captured a British fort in Florida.*
4. *Dutch banks loaned Americans money*
5. *The French navy cut off British ships.*
6. *French soldiers helped trap the British in Yorktown.*

8. The Treaty of Paris, 1783

List two things Great Britain agreed to in the Treaty of Paris.

1. *recognized the United States as an independent nation*
2. *gave the United States a huge amount of land*