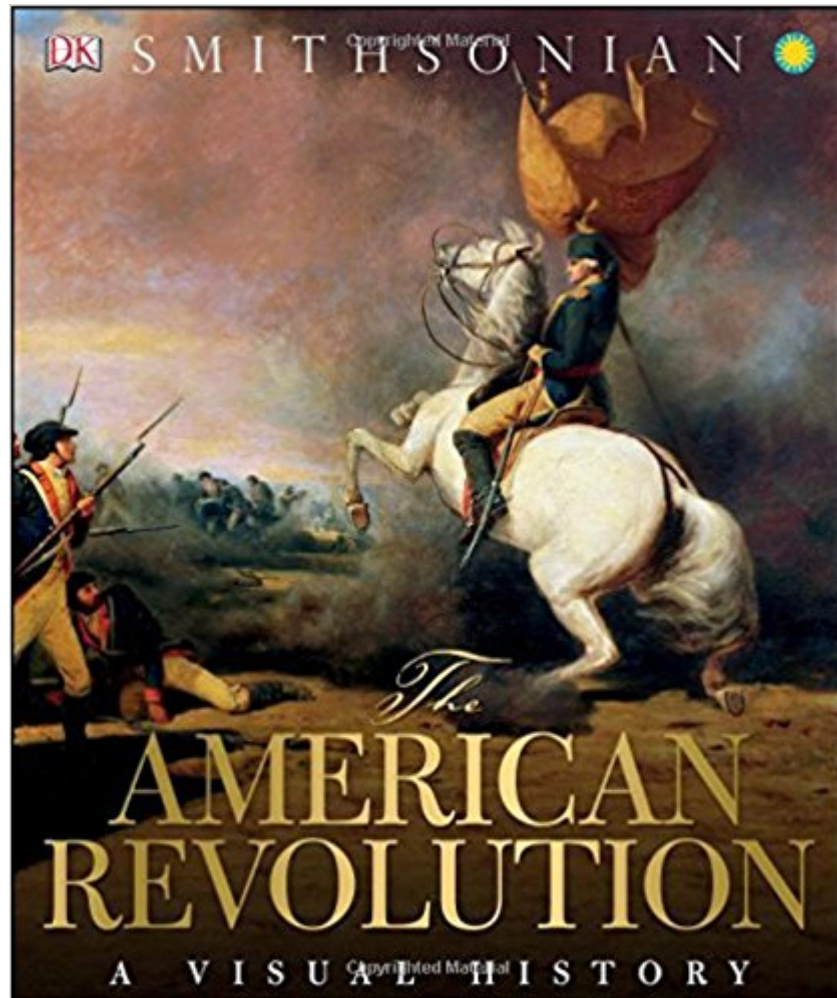




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# The American Revolution: A Visual History



## Synopsis

The American Revolution will transport you back in time and onto the frontlines. This complete overview of the war brings all the action to life, from the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party to the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Paris. Beginning with the first stirrings of colonial resistance, The American Revolution presents illustrated accounts of every major military action and comprehensive timelines for every stage of the war. Revealing first-person accounts by soldiers and civilians and profiles of the war's main protagonists, from George Washington to Benedict Arnold. Gallery spreads feature collections of weapons and uniforms, and feature sections detail the politics of the war, such as the treatment of prisoners and the revolution's implications for women, Native Americans, and African Americans. Two hundred and forty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, The American Revolution demonstrates that the story of how America overthrew the British is as meaningful today as it was when the ink was still wet on the parchment. Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution.

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**Washington crossing the Delaware** On December 25, 1776, Washington led his troops across the icy Delaware River to deliver a surprise attack at Trenton. Emanuel Leutze's iconic painting captures Washington's sense of mission. [View larger](#)

From "The American Crisis": "These are times that tried men's souls, and they are over. ...the greatest and completest revolution the world ever knew, gloriously and happily, accomplished." --Thomas Paine, 1783. [View larger](#)

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Militia and the Continental Army

Throughout the War of Independence, American rebels would rely on two distinctly different types of military organizations on land: a standing, professional Continental Army, and less permanent bands of amateur citizen-soldiers—the militia. [The Execution of John André](#)

Sentenced to death by a military tribunal for inciting American General Benedict Arnold to commit treason, the British spy Major John André hoped to be shot like a soldier. Instead, he was hanged in a field in Tappan, New York. He faced the gibbet as only a gallant officer and gentleman could, deeply impressing the large crowd of onlookers, including many former enemies. [Guerilla War in South Carolina](#)

Away from the sieges and battles of the main armies, South Carolina witnessed a different kind of warfare in the backcountry—guerrilla attacks by Patriots on British forts and Loyalist communities.

Gr 7 Up "Spanning from the period before the American Revolution to post-union creation, this oversize book is divided into nine sections, each of which begins with an introduction and time line. The topics cover important events and battles, different groups involved (including African and Native Americans), women of note, what life on each side was like, and equipment used (uniforms, arms, medical). Large color pictures, black-and-white drawings, and brief biographies of relevant individuals are interspersed throughout. There's enough content to give readers an understanding of why this historical period is important; some of the material will even give students a better grasp than textbooks used in secondary and lower-level college classes. The table of contents and the detailed index are ideal for finding information quickly. VERDICT A good additional source for reference collections in need of more treatments of the subject; the price will allow it to be also included in circulation sections." Ann West LaPrise, Huron School District, New Boston, MI

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It is a must edition for fans of this fascinating period in our history. Does a good job of linking many facets of the Revolution across a considerably long period of time. Unfolds the larger picture surrounding many of the incidents or milestones that we have all come to know. Highly recommend this enjoyable and educational work.

Excellent presentation. Each chapter presents some battle or occurrence that I was unaware of. Well worth the cost of book.

My husband and I fell in love with DK (especially the Smithsonian line) during a trip to the Smithsonian museums. The books are filled with an immense amount of information which is presented in a fascinating, readable way. Of course the author couldn't include absolutely every single detail about the subject at hand, but they still did a wonderful job. The photos are gorgeous and a perfect complement to the information being presented. The books themselves have sturdy binding and stout construction.

Incredible resource, beautifully produced, and a wealth of great info.

What a great book! I absolutely love it. Wonderful photos, concise articles with effective arrangement. It's a book that educates and makes history informative and exciting, especially our own American history. It always amazes me to study our history and see the miraculous way in which our country was born. We certainly have been a blessed nation. Our

Absolutely amazing pictures and facts. Gave this to a Professor of American History who will use it in her teaching. AMAZING ...especially for the price. Would have paid 10 times the price for it.

A material omission in my opinion is a lack of maps showing troop positions and movements for the various battles. It would add so much to the narrative.

I have a good friend who is a Revolutionary War buff. I got him this book as a Christmas book. He said it is excellent.

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