

The American Revolution

The objective of this assignment is to discuss what the American Revolution meant to America and its future development. In addition to their textbook, students should read all four parts of the reading assignment from the [Reader's Companion to American History](#). The Login and Password will be given to you by your teacher.

Once you have read your textbook and all four parts of the reading assignment, **answer the following questions** and **write two discussion questions of your own**. If you need some guidelines for what makes a good discussion question, refer to this [handout](#) and create questions that would fit into the Analysis, Synthesis, or Evaluation categories.

1. Jefferson stated in the Declaration of Independence that “governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes.” What were the most significant causes of the American Revolution?
2. Assess the relative importance of economic, social, and political issues in bringing about the Revolution.
3. Given the status of individual rights in Britain at the time, how justified were Americans in “throwing off British tyranny?”
4. How did the British military strategy evolve during the war? Why did it fail?
5. Are there lessons to be learned from Britain’s experience that could be applied to current US foreign policy? If so, what are they?
6. What role did the idea of “equality” play in the American Revolution? Why was that so vexing?
7. In what ways and to what extent did the Revolution impact American society?
8. How did the American Revolution impact the latter part of the 18th Century? The 19th? The 20th? Are there ways in which we still feel its impact now? If so, how?
9. To what extent was the American Revolution truly “revolutionary?” Be sure to discuss what “revolution” means. How does the American Revolution compare to subsequent revolutions in world history?