Virginia’s role in the American Revolution

Important People

Places

Vocabulary

Here we go!

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Here’s what you’ll find in this review:

✓ Information

✓ A question for you to answer

(say it in your head or write it down)

✓ Time for you to think about the answer

✓ Possible answers or hints

✓ The answer to the question

Are you ready?
What is a Parliament?

F. Britain’s lawmaking body
G. Virginia’s lawmaking body
H. An important document
I. An American group

The English Parliament’s ideas differed from the colonists ideas on how to govern the colonies.
Think of some ways the **colonists** and **English Parliament** differed.

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<th>English Parliament</th>
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<td>• Local assemblies = power</td>
<td>• Legal authority</td>
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<td>• No taxes</td>
<td>• Right to tax</td>
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<td>better known as</td>
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Can you name the document that challenged these ideas? **The Declaration of Independence**
The Declaration of Independence was written by:

A. George Washington  
B. Abraham Lincoln  
C. Thomas Jefferson  
D. John Smith

Think of the reasons why the Declaration is so important.

- authority to govern belongs to the people not to the _______.
- all people are created equal
- rights to ______, ______, and the pursuit of _______.

• life, liberty, happiness
There were many Virginians who played important roles in the Revolutionary War Era.

Can you think of the 3 most significant people?

- George Washington
- Thomas Jefferson
- Patrick Henry

What significant role did each man play during this era?
During the Revolutionary War Era
Patrick Henry was known for:

“Taxation without Representation”

“… Give me liberty or give me death.”

- inspiring patriots from other colonies
During the Revolutionary War

George Washington was known for:

- his military leadership
- he served as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army

Flashback

The Continental Army was made up **Patriots** fighting for their freedom.
During the Revolutionary War

Thomas Jefferson was known for:

- political leadership
- expressing the reasons for independence from England

Flashback

The Virginia Declaration of Rights was written first by George Mason.

- author of the Declaration of Independence
However, there were many other Virginians who also played a role in the American Revolution.

Can you think of who these were?

- The Virginia Patriots serving in the Continental Army which lead to the Yorktown victory

- African Americans who were divided about which side to fight for: the patriots or the loyalists

Remember: If a slave fought for the English (the loyalist) they were “promised” their freedom.
What other Virginians were important?

- **Who was the slave from Virginia who served in the Continental Army as a spy and won his freedom after the war?**

  A. George Mason
  B. James Armistead “Lafayette”
  C. John Smith
  D. General Cornwallis

Remember: Some Virginians didn’t take sides, they remained **neutral**.
Where was the last *major* battle of the American Revolution fought?

- F. Yorktown
- G. Gettysburg
- H. Jamestown
- I. Williamsburg

Why was the battle at Yorktown important?

- The English surrendered, bringing an end to the war.
- An *American* victory!
Can you believe how much “stuff” you know?

You are well on your way to **PASSING** the Virginia Social Studies SOL!

Keep up the fantastic work!