



The American Revolution

The **American Revolution** took place between 1765 and 1783, with the revolutionary war beginning in 1775 with the battle of Lexington and Concord. The thirteen American colonies rejected British rule, overthrowing British authority and founding the United States of America. The American Revolution was a time of great social, political and intellectual change. Study the timeline below. Then answer the questions.

Dec. 16, 1773	The Boston Tea Party
Sept. 5-Oct. 26, 1774	The First Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
March 23, 1775	Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech
Apr. 18, 1775	The Rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes
Apr. 19, 1775	Minutemen and redcoats clash at Lexington and Concord ("The shot heard 'round the world").
May 10, 1775	The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
June 15, 1775	George Washington is named Commander in Chief
July 1-4, 1776	Continental Congress debates and revises the Declaration of Independence. It is adopted on July 4 and read publicly on July 8.
April 19, 1783	Continental Congress ratifies preliminary peace treaty
Sept. 3, 1783	The United States and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Paris and the war ends.
Sept. 17, 1787	U.S. Constitution is signed. It is finally adopted on June 21, 1788.

1. How many years was it after the revolutionary war ended before the U.S. Constitution was ratified and officially went into effect?

- A. two B. three C. five

2. How many times did the Continental Congress meet?

- A. twice
 B. at least three times
 C. at least four times

3. What happened first?

- A. Patrick Henry's famous speech
 B. The ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes
 C. The Boston Tea Party
 D. George Washington is named Commander in Chief