



The Impacts of the American Revolution

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Introduction

The American Revolution was literally revolutionary! Students will research the impacts that it had on society, politics, and the economy. In addition, students will examine whether those impacts are still present in America today.

Learning Objectives

Students will understand the impact of the American Revolution on politics, economy, and society. ([NSS-USH.5-12.3](#))

Materials Needed

- Laptops/computers
- Textbooks
- Poster board (halved)
- Notebook paper

Procedure

1. Prior to starting this lesson, students have been learning about the causes and circumstances surrounding the American Revolution. Ask students to recall the causes of the American Revolution. Allow students to pair and share their responses for roughly 2 minutes before discussing those causes as a class.
2. Explain that the American Revolution created several major impacts on politics, the economy, and society. Divide students into groups of 3 or 4. Provide each group with a half sheet of poster board. Groups will draw three large sections on their poster board and label them: politics, economy, and society. Then, students will use laptops/computer and/or textbooks to conduct research on the impacts of the American Revolution as they pertain to those three categories. As research is found, groups should discuss it, determine its importance or validity, and add it to the appropriate section on their poster board. This activity will take the majority of class time to complete.
3. When groups have completed their poster boards, students will complete a “gallery walk.” For 3-5 minutes, allow students to walk around the room in order to view the research of the other groups.

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4. To close the lesson, students will need a piece of paper. On that piece of paper, students must do the following:
- Pick one impact that American Revolution had on politics and explain how its impact is still present in today's society.
 - Pick one impact that American Revolution had on the economy and explain how its impact is still present in today's society.
 - Pick one impact that American Revolution had on society and explain how its impact is still present in today's society.

Evaluation

Students will be asked to select three separate impacts that the American Revolution had on politics, the economy, and society and explain how that impact is still present in America today. Student work should be reviewed to ensure that students correctly identify three impacts and determine its current implications in modern America. Answers will vary from student to student.