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American Revolution



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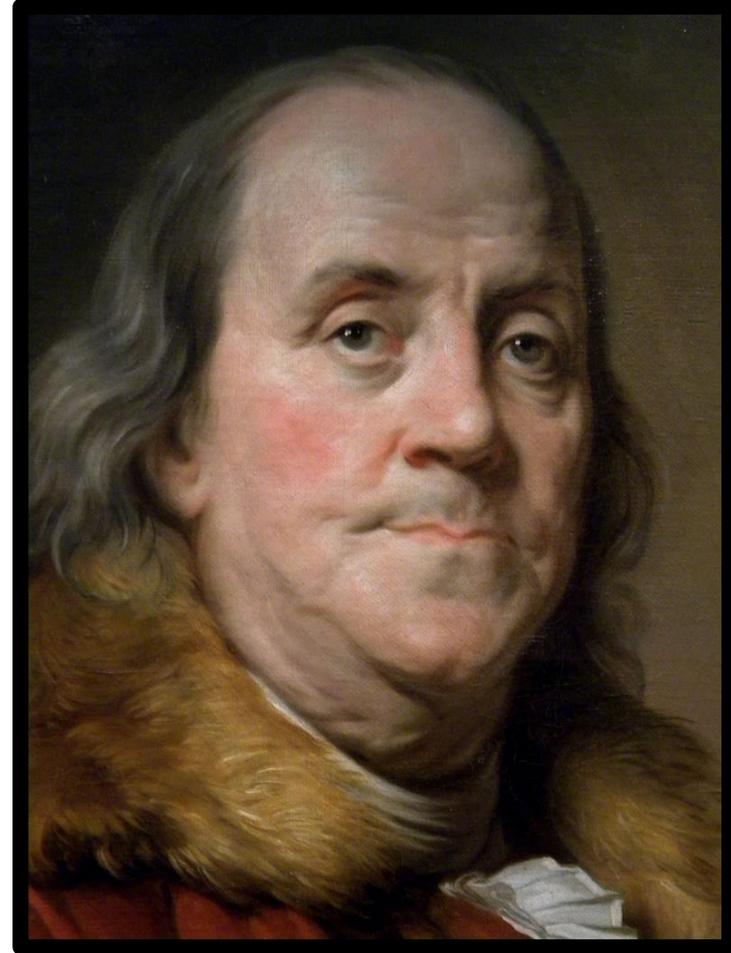
The **American Revolution** was a war. The war was between Great Britain and the American colonies.



Before the war, the American colonies belonged to Great Britain. **King George III** was the ruler.



The war started because the colonists were mad at King George III. The king made the colonists pay taxes. The colonists wanted to vote on that. It wasn't fair.



Ben Franklin went to Great Britain. He asked King George III to let colonists vote on taxes. The king said, "NO".



More and more colonists got mad at King George. The colonists started to hide weapons. They needed them in case they went to war.



King George sent a ship to America. It was full of tea. He wanted the colonists to pay taxes on the tea. The colonists said NO.



One night a group of angry colonists threw the tea into the Boston Harbor. That was called the **Boston Tea Party**.



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King George was very mad about the tea. He sent **British soldiers** to Boston Harbor.



King George said the British soldiers could live in the **colonists' homes**. Really??? The colonists were extra angry.



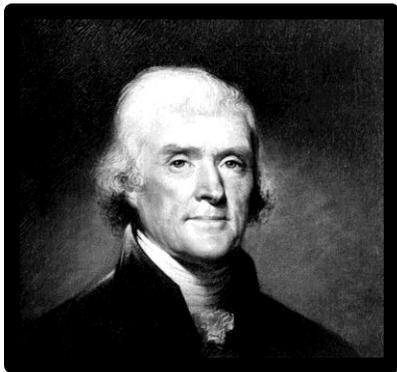
The British soldiers heard that the colonists hid **weapons**. The British soldiers decided to go to Concord and steal them. Someone needed to warn the colonists!



Paul Revere and other patriots rode their horses to Concord. They warned the colonists. Paul Revere yelled, "The British are coming".



The British soldiers went through Lexington. A few shots were fired. That started the war. When they got to Concord, the colonists had already moved the weapons.



Thomas Jefferson and four founding fathers wrote an important announcement. It was called the Declaration of Independence.



The Declaration of Independence was sent to King George on July 4th, 1776. It said that the colonies did not belong to Great Britain anymore.



There were a lot of battles. The colonists won the war. Today Americans celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July.



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