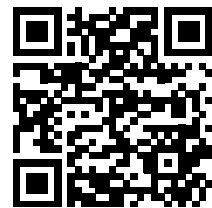


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# The Struggle for American Independence



The Revolutionary War was a critical \_\_\_\_\_ in American history. It began in 1775 and lasted until 1783. The colonies wanted \_\_\_\_\_ from British rule. Many battles were fought during this time. The most famous battle was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Bunker Hill. This battle showed that the Americans could stand up to the British.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Independence was signed in 1776. This document stated that the colonies were free from British \_\_\_\_\_. Thomas Jefferson was the main author. The declaration was approved by the Continental \_\_\_\_\_. It was a bold statement of the colonies' desire for freedom.

George Washington played a \_\_\_\_\_ in the war. He was the commander of the Continental Army. His leadership was crucial for American \_\_\_\_\_. Despite many hardships, Washington's army continued to fight. The winter at Valley Forge was particularly difficult. Many \_\_\_\_\_ suffered, but they did not give up.

The French were important allies to the Americans. They provided military support and \_\_\_\_\_. The Battle of Saratoga was a turning point in the war. After this victory, the French decided to help the \_\_\_\_\_. Their assistance was vital for the final success.

The war ended with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paris in 1783. This treaty recognized American independence. It marked the beginning of a new \_\_\_\_\_. The Revolutionary War had many challenges, but it ultimately led to the creation of the United \_\_\_\_\_.

The war also had significant impacts on society. It inspired other countries to fight for their own \_\_\_\_\_. It also led to changes in American society. Ideas about liberty and democracy became more popular. The Revolutionary \_\_\_\_\_ was a crucial event that shaped the future of the nation.

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