

Revolutionary War Notes

Difference b/w war + revolution?

What is the difference between the American Revolution and the War for Independence?

normal clothes

Militia vs. Regular Army?

- obligation, uniforms, fighting style

Attitude of British

- view of colonists - simple farmers unreliable fighters
- view of war - conflict that will be won easily

Why did French aid the colonists?

- French hated the British; promotion of liberty (French Rev. follows)

<u>American Advantages</u> 1. Will to win *** 2. familiarity with land 3. leadership (G.W.)	<u>British Advantages</u> 1. most powerful nation 2. well trained army + navy 3. support of Loyalist + Native Americans
<u>American Disadvantages</u> 1. No army, navy, or govt. 2. separated by region, class, race 3. most soldiers untrained, undisciplined 4. shortage of food, ammunition	<u>British Disadvantages</u> 1. sympathy for American cause in England 2. resented paying taxes to fund war 3. difficult to identify enemy 4. weak military leaders

Major Turning Points

Saratoga - turning point for American colonies

Yorktown - British surrender

Treaty of Paris (1783)

- US independent + gains territory all the way to Mississippi River
- All European nations recognize United States of America

Challenge of the New Nation?: establish a govt of and by the people; no kings or nobles; NO MODEL TO REFER TO