A Revolutionary War
State of the Union (Late 1775)

- Patriotic fervor ↑; 10K soldiers enlist in Continental army + 7K in local militias
- Low on supplies (Remember Bunker Hill?)
- Winter is coming…

Ft. Ticonderoga
Howe(s) vs. Washington

- 1776 British forces: 55K + 30K German Hessians
- Howe Brothers: Gen. William; Adm. Richard → Take Long Island and Manhattan
- Washington retreats w/ Prussians to PA → Surprise attack at Trenton on Christmas Day, taking 900 prisoners → @ Princeton, he wins again → Hope.
- Howe takes Philadelphia and Germantown by Sept. 1777, but it’s only a small amount of territory
Turning Point: Saratoga

- 10/17/1777 – Arnold and Gates def. Burgoyne

  - French enter the war w/Col. b/c of Ben Franklin; For. Min. Vergennes fears Col./UK reunion.
  - Spain still does not enter (fear of losing colonies)
  - UK gives in to all colonial demands in order to make peace (no tax w/o rep, Intolerable Acts repealed, etc.) → TOO LATE!
Tenuous Advantage

- **Valley Forge** (1777-78) – Wash. hunkered down, but Howe too weak and destabilized to attack; Prussian **Baron von Steuben** helps train troops
- **Spring ‘78** – Clinton takes command from Howe & told to go South toward more loyalists
- Meanwhile, 4K French troops arrive, but are needed in West Indies, then go home
• Clinton takes Charles Town, SC (May 1780); Gen. Cornwallis leads assault on South → Greene & Morgan provide resistance and turn Brits North →

• Meanwhile, Arnold, bitter b/c passed over for promotion, in cahoots w/Brits to turn over West Point, NY in exchange for high office → intercepted → Arnold flees (convicted of treason)
Final Battle: Yorktown

- Aug. 1781 – FRA Adm. DeGrasse leads 20 warships
- By 10/19/1781, DeGrasse, Barras (FRA), and Washington surround Cornwallis → surrender
- Delay in treaty due to Spanish meddling over Gibraltar
Treaty of Paris (9/3/1783)

- John Jay, Henry Laurens, Franklin, Adams negotiate secretly w/UK (and not France) → diplomatic coup
- **US Gains**: Independence, All land E. of Mississippi,
- **FRA Gains**: Territory in Americas, Africa & India
- **ESP Gains**: Florida (returned), Minorca
- **UK Gains**: Canada