

Declaration of Independence

By: Mahlan Dircksen
July 4, 1776

This just in. In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania America breaks away from the British. Today, the Second Continental Congress is signing the Declaration that Thomas Jefferson wrote. They are deciding to call it the Declaration of Independence.

But why are they doing this? To get away from the British of course. America will now be free from the British. We have cut the ties holding us together.

All 56 delegates signed it and made history. In fact, people are thinking about calling the place where they signed it Independence Hall.

Victory at Trenton **Written by Evan York** **December 26, 1776**

This morning, General Washington and his men captured over 900 Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey . To do so they had to travel

across the ice choked Delaware River. They captured the Hessians because of a surprise attack led by George Washington. The reason for this is we want to win the war. "We never saw them coming" said the captured Hessian."Now that we hold Trenton we may just win this war," said George Washington.

Victory at Saratoga

By Eddie Gowgiel
October 17 , 1777

British troops surrendered at the land of John Freeman and at Bemis Heights near Saratoga , New York. Led by Benedict Arnold, American troops tried to defeat the British. British troops attacked on September 19,1777 and had a terrible defeat. Then on October 17, 1777, the British tried again but then failed. On that day, British surrendered 5,000 troops.

Valley Forge

By: Madison Freeze
December 1777

It is December in Pennsylvania. George Washington and his troops are running out of supplies. This sure is a trial for the Americans. People are dying from disease. Congress is not supporting the army with money for supplies. On Christmas Eve, they even had to dine on rice and vinegar. After that, the soldiers are deciding on leaving. Before they left Washington had an idea to help them choose to stay. He read them a pamphlet called "Common Sense". That changed their decision. They were staying! Finally, in 1778 they got supplied replenished. The soldiers confidence was restored.

Benedict Arnold: Traitor

By: Elizabeth Buchs
September 21, 1780

The outstanding American colonel, Benedict Arnold, that had led Patriots to many victorious battles has recently betrayed General George Washington. Arnold disobeyed General Horatio Gates' orders

and decided to win the Battle of Saratoga by using his own battle plan. Though Saratoga was won because of Arnolds actions, the Continental Congress gave General Gates the credit for the victory. Later, Arnold married a Loyalist named Peggy Shippen. The Patriots were angered by this and grew suspicious of Arnold.

Claiming his actions were never appreciated in the Continental Army, Arnold resigned from George Washington's troops. He began giving secret messages about the Americans battle plans and attacks to the British. Arnold was soon discovered and had to flee to West Point, New York. The British rewarded Arnold by promoting him to brigadier general.

Even though Benedict Arnold joined the British, us Americans still have a chance to win this war even without his battle plans.

British Embarrassed
Carter Demske
September 3, 1783

Today John Adams, John Jay, Ben Franklin and more will be meeting in Paris to sign the treaty. The Treaty of Paris will end the Revolutionary War because the British lost. The treaty will declare the colonies as a new nation because England admitted that they lost the war and the treaty is being signed two years later. The British finally agreed to let the Americans sign the treaty. They were so embarrassed to admit that they lost to the Americans in the American Revolution.

People arrived to see John Adams sign the Treaty of Paris. Hang on someone is coming to see what I'm doing. He asked if I had a notepad because they are restricted in this area so I better keep calm and keep it a secret.

**A Note from Ms. Cupp
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The 5th graders and I have enjoyed our study of the Revolutionary War (I know for sure that I have). They worked hard on these newspaper articles and it was great for them to take an objective view point about presenting the historical facts for a very important audience- their families. Enjoy!