# The American Revolution: An Eyewitness History



#### **The American Revolution (Eyewitness History Series)**

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The American Revolution was a time of great upheaval and change. The thirteen colonies that had been under British rule for over a century declared their independence in 1776. The war that followed was bloody and hard-fought, but in the end, the Americans prevailed. The United States of America was born.

The American Revolution was not just a war for independence. It was also a war for ideas. The colonists believed that they had the right to govern themselves, and they were determined to fight for their freedom.

The American Revolution is a fascinating topic that has been studied by historians for centuries. There are many different ways to learn about the

Revolution, but one of the best ways is to read eyewitness accounts. These accounts provide a unique glimpse into the lives of the people who lived during this tumultuous time.

The American Revolution Eyewitness History Series is a collection of over 1,000 eyewitness accounts of the American Revolution. These accounts come from a variety of sources, including letters, diaries, newspapers, and government documents. They provide a vivid and detailed look at the events that led up to the war, the battles that were fought, and the aftermath that shaped the United States.

The American Revolution Eyewitness History Series is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the American Revolution. These accounts provide a unique glimpse into the lives of the people who lived during this tumultuous time, and they help us to understand the events that shaped our nation.

#### The Events Leading Up to the War

The American Revolution was not a sudden event. It was the culmination of a series of events that had been building for years. These events included:

- The British government's decision to impose new taxes on the colonies
- The colonists' resistance to these taxes
- The British government's response to this resistance

The British government's decision to impose new taxes on the colonies was a major factor in the outbreak of the Revolution. The colonists were

already unhappy with the British government's policies, and the new taxes only served to further anger them.

The colonists' resistance to these taxes took many forms. They boycotted British goods, they protested in the streets, and they even formed armed militias. The British government responded to this resistance by sending troops to the colonies.

The presence of British troops in the colonies only further angered the colonists. In 1775, the colonists fired on British troops at Lexington and Concord, and the American Revolution began.

#### The Battles of the War

The American Revolution was a bloody and hard-fought war. The two sides fought for over six years, and there were many casualties. Some of the most famous battles of the war include:

- The Battle of Bunker Hill
- The Battle of Saratoga
- The Battle of Yorktown

The Battle of Bunker Hill was one of the first major battles of the war. The British won the battle, but the Americans inflicted heavy casualties on the British. The Battle of Saratoga was a turning point in the war. The Americans defeated the British at Saratoga, and this victory convinced France to enter the war on the side of the Americans.

The Battle of Yorktown was the last major battle of the war. The Americans and their French allies defeated the British at Yorktown, and this led to the

British surrender. The American Revolution was over.

#### The Aftermath of the War

The American Revolution had a profound impact on the United States. The war led to the creation of a new nation, and it also shaped the way that the United States would develop in the years to come.

One of the most important legacies of the American Revolution is the Declaration of Independence. This document, which was written by Thomas Jefferson, declared that all men are created equal and that they have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The American Revolution also had a significant impact on the way that the United States would be governed. The colonists had fought for the right to govern themselves, and they created a new government that was based on the principle of democracy.

The American Revolution was a time of great change and upheaval. But it was also a time of great hope and optimism. The colonists who fought for their independence believed that they were creating a better world for themselves and their children. And they were right.

The American Revolution was a pivotal event in the history of the United States. The war led to the creation of a new nation, and it also shaped the way that the United States would develop in the years to come.

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and they inspire us to appreciate the sacrifices that were made by those who came before us.



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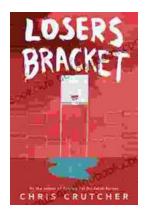
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