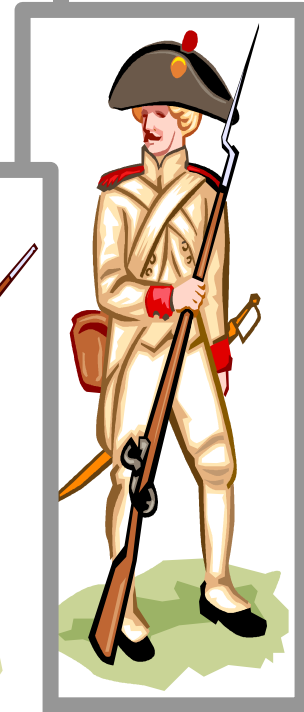


Strengths and Weaknesses Partner Analysis

Overview of Some Key Battles in the Revolutionary War



Battle of Lexington & Concord

- April 18, 1775
- This was the first battle of the Revolutionary War
- Paul Revere warned the colonists that the British were coming to Concord.
- Minutemen were waiting in Lexington for the soldiers.
- Minutemen were American militia with special training.
- No one knows whether the British or the colonists fired the first shot.
- Eight colonists died and nine were wounded. Only one British soldier was hurt.
- The British continued marching to Concord.
- Militia and British started shooting at each other.
- As the British marched back to Boston, thousands of minutemen shot at them. The British were then trapped in Boston.

Battle of Bunker Hill

- Occurred outside of Boston, Massachusetts
- Militia leaders decided to build a fort on Bunker Hill because they could fire cannons from the hill at the British soldiers. The hill made it difficult for British soldiers to attack them.
- Instead of Bunker Hill though, they actually decided to build the fort on **Breed's Hill**, because it was closer to Boston.
- Each time the British attacked the Patriots, the British were forced back and more than half of their soldiers were killed or wounded.
- The Patriots ran out of gunpowder and the British captured the fort and won the battle.
- This battle however proved that the militia could fight well, and that the British would not win easily.

Battle of Trenton

- The militia name was changed to the Continental Army.
- Washington was asked to be the leader of the Continental Army.
- His army was getting smaller, and he was worried that his soldiers would give up.
- George Washington planned a surprise attack on an enemy camp in Trenton, New Jersey.
- The soldiers in Trenton were German mercenaries (soldiers who are paid to fight for a foreign country).
- Washington took his soldiers across the Delaware River to New Jersey and attacked Trenton the day after Christmas.
- Washington's army took almost 1,000 prisoners.
- The Battle of Trenton was a victory for the Continental Army.

“Washington Crossing The Delaware” by Emanuel Leutze



Facts About “Washington Crossing The Delaware”

Inaccuracies

- German-born artist Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, who was born 40 years after the battle, painted "Washington Crossing the Delaware" in Düsseldorf.
- The flag depicted was not created until about a year after the battle.
- The soldiers used a different type of boat to cross the river.
- Additionally, Washington appears to be much older than he was during the battle -- the general was 44 at the time.

Accuracies

- The soldiers' uniforms are historically accurate.



How the boats should have looked