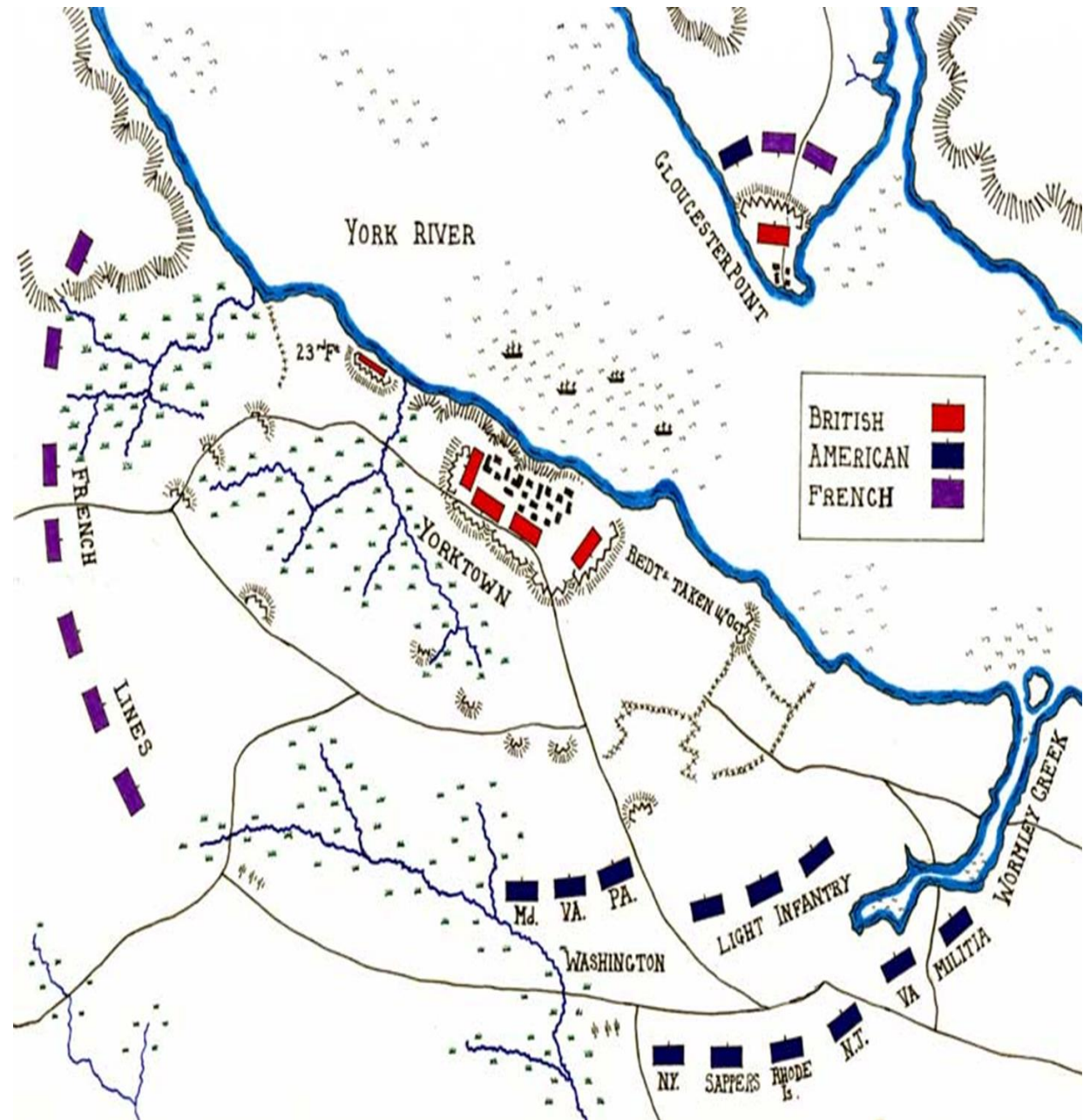
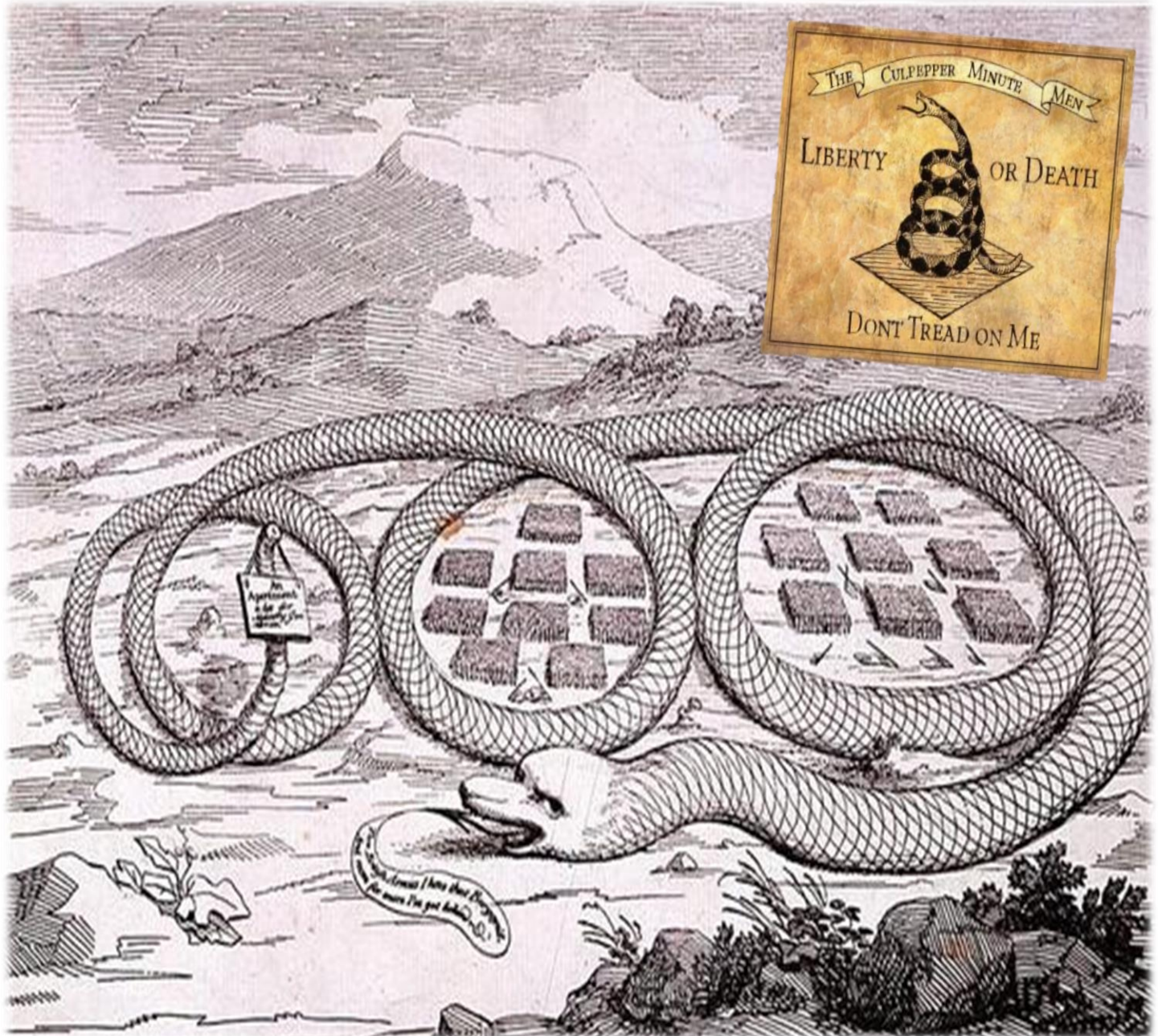


# The Run-Down

- It happened on October 19, 1781.
- Yorktown is located on a peninsula between the York River and James River in Virginia.
- The French Navy blocked Yorktown harbor, so the British ships could not leave and were trapped.
- British General **Cornwallis fought the Battle of Yorktown for three weeks before he finally surrendered** to Washington and Lafayette.
- **The Battle of Yorktown was the last big battle of the American Revolution.**
- The American Revolution continued for another 2 years, but not a lot of fighting occurred.
- The Americans had won their independence and won the war.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8Xs4T1bREg>

- Because Washington had “intel” that Cornwallis did not, this was what caused England to lose the Battle of Yorktown.
- *If the French fleet of ships did not arrive to Virginia, as promised by Lafayette, what do you think*





THE CULPEPPER MINUTE MEN

LIBERTY OR DEATH

DONT TREAD ON ME

An Apartment for the Minute Men

I'm not a snake, I'm a man. I'm not a snake, I'm a man. I'm not a snake, I'm a man.

# The American Revolution lasted from 1775 to 1783.

After years of fighting, the Americans *defeated* the British at the Battle of Yorktown.



*"They could be tracked by their blood on the rough frozen ground."*  
 —JOSEPH PLUMB MARTIN  
 16 YEARS OLD, MARYLAND MILITIA  
 DESCRIBING BAREFOOT TROOPS AT VALLEY FORGE



Year	Event
1765	Stamp Acts
1766	Sons of Liberty founded
1767	Townshend Acts
1770	Boston Massacre
1773	Boston Tea Party
1774	Intolerable Acts
1775	George III rejects Olive Branch Petition
1776	British seize New York
1777	British seize Philadelphia
1778	British seize Savannah, Georgia
1780	British seize Charles Town, South Carolina
1781	British reverses in the South
1783	Treaty of Paris

# Reasons Why America

## Won

- *Can you think of the reasons why America won the American Revolution?*
- There are actually **FOUR (4) reasons** why the Americans won the war:
- **#1: Geography**
  - The Americans knew the area better than the British. The British forces had to wait a long time for new supplies from England.

- **#2: Patriotic Spirit**

- As the Americans started winning more battles, more Americans started to desire independence from England more and more.

- **#3: Skilled Leadership**

- George Washington, and other officers serving under his leadership, learned from earlier mistakes and become more aggressive fighters against the British.

- **#4: Foreign Allies**

- Without the assistance of France, the German Prussians, and the Spanish, America may not have won the war.



# THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Yes, it was that awesome!

# Quick Partner Activity

- With a partner, quickly discuss which **ONE factor** was the main reason why America won the American Revolution.
  - Write down which reason you think is the main factor for winning.
  - Give two (2) reasons why you & your partner think this is the main factor.
- **Be prepared to share out your answer with the class.**

# Fightbook Assignment (a **Facebook** twist)



# Treaty of Paris - 1783

- When the war ended, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams went to Paris to sign the peace agreement.
- Here are the important facts about the **Treaty of Paris**:
  - 1. **England recognized America's victory** and independence.
  - 2. England acknowledged that **America was now its own nation**.
  - 3. **England and America agreed to the new land boundaries** in North America (on the next slide).
  - 4. **England returned land to the Spanish that they took during the French & Indian War**.
- **The war officially ended on April 15, 1783** (almost 8 years to the day when the “shot heard round the world” started it).

# North America after the Treaty of Paris, 1783



The Treaty of Paris in 1783 granted the United States *independence* from Britain and all lands east of the Mississippi River.



America can be  
“as happy as  
she  
pleases...she  
hath a blank  
sheet to write  
upon.”

-Thomas Paine



**America came out as the big  
winner in the Treaty of Paris.**