

General Burgoyne's Plan

British General John Burgoyne had a plan to attack Albany, NY with three armies. This would cut New England off from the rest of the colonies.

The Battles of Saratoga

September 19, 1777 & October 7, 1777

Burgoyne's troops headed toward Albany, and Americans under Horatio Gates prepared to stop them along the Hudson River near Saratoga, NY

Results of the Battles of Saratoga

Casualties BR: 1200 U.S.: 450

Burgoyne surrenders!

"Turning Point" of the war for the Americans-

France decides to help us - they become our first ally!

British threat to New England is over.

Britain must come up with a new plan.

Benedict Arnold and West Point

Even though Arnold was the hero of Saratoga, Gates did not mention him in his reports of the battle. Arnold was passed over for awards and promotions and tried to resign. Washington urged him not to, and appointed him commander of the fort at West Point.

The British offered Arnold money and command in their army in exchange for the fort. Arnold agreed ~ making him one of the most infamous traitors of all time.