

The Winter at Valley Forge

1777-1778

Washington's troops spent a difficult winter at Valley Forge, outside of Philadelphia (occupied by the British).

Due to Washington's leadership, and training they received from Baron von Steuben, the Continental Army not only survived, but improved!

War in the South

The British thought they could gain some victories in the south because there were so many loyalists there. They were right. They scored victories in Savannah, Ga and Charleston, S.C. as well as in other places.

Eventually, British forces led by Gen. Charles Cornwallis were forced north into Virginia. Seeking reinforcements and supplies, Cornwallis headed for the York Peninsula on the coast, and set up camp at Yorktown, Virginia

The Siege of Yorktown

September 28-October 17 1781

Cornwallis and his army are surrounded by American and French forces. With defeat certain, the British surrender on October 17, 1781.

Results of the Battle of Yorktown

The War is OVER!

The Treaty of Paris (1783)

- America is independent

U.S. gains land east of the Mississippi