

Essential Question

What were the major events of the American Revolution?

Why You Should Care

Many Patriots sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we have today.

**Liberty or Death::
The Story of the
American
Revolution**





Part II: Revolution

Met in Philadelphia to discuss the British threat
1st Congress ended with an agreement to create an army led by George Washington for defense only.



Continental Congress

First Continental Congress

1775

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King George III didn't care,
refused to back down
2nd Congress ended with
the Declaration of
Independence



Continental
Congress

Second Continental Congress

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Declaration of Independence

Written by Thomas Jefferson and revised by Congress declaring human rights and independence from the king.

We the People
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish

Article 1

Continental Declaration of
Congress Independence

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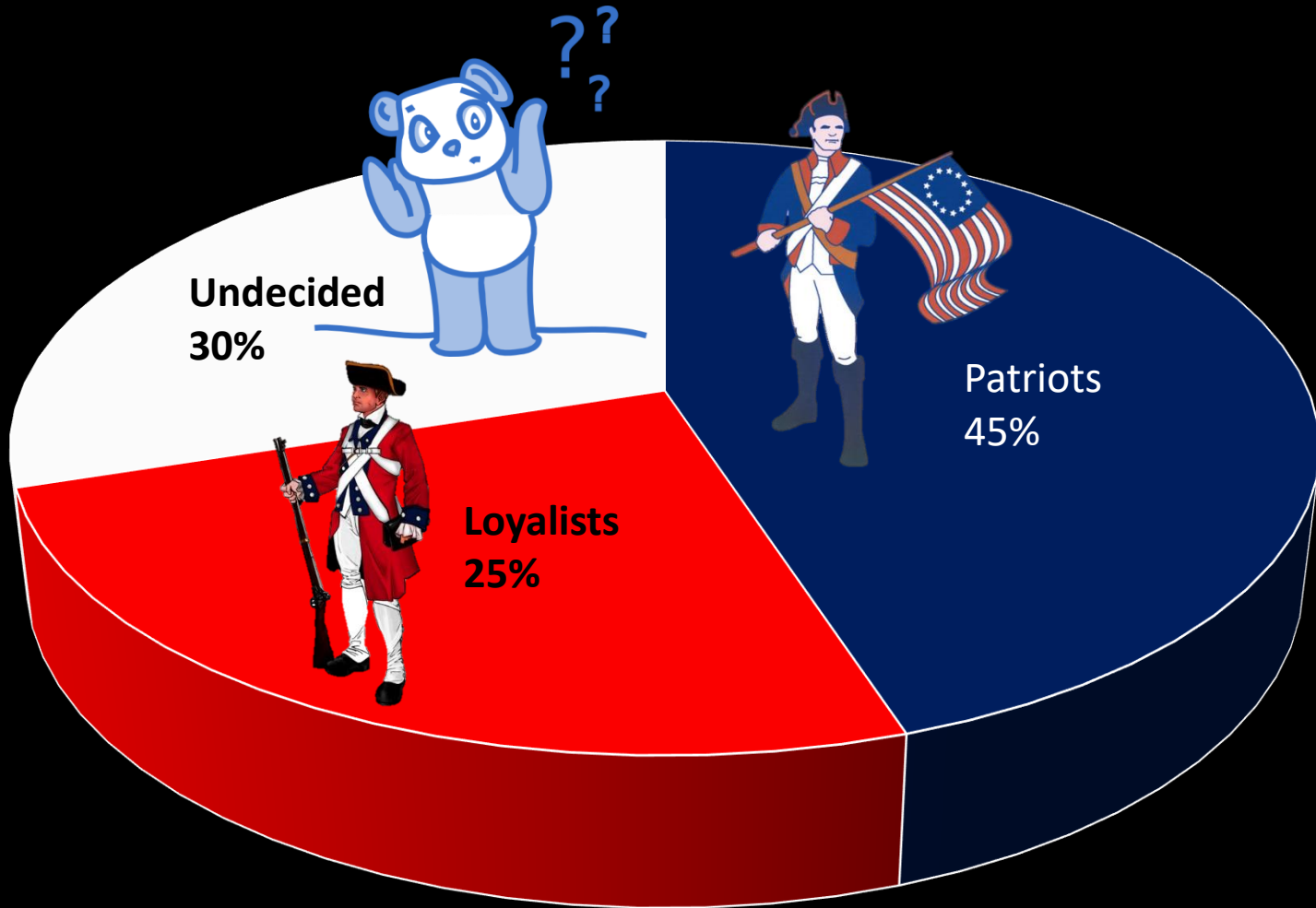
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Loyalists vs. Patriots



Continental Army



Nicknames: Minutemen, Patriots, Militia

Strengths:

- Excellent leadership
- Extreme motivation to fight
- Fighting on home turf

Weaknesses:

- Limited supplies
- Limited naval support
- Limited experience

OVERALL **4**

British Army



Nicknames: Redcoats, Tories, Regulars

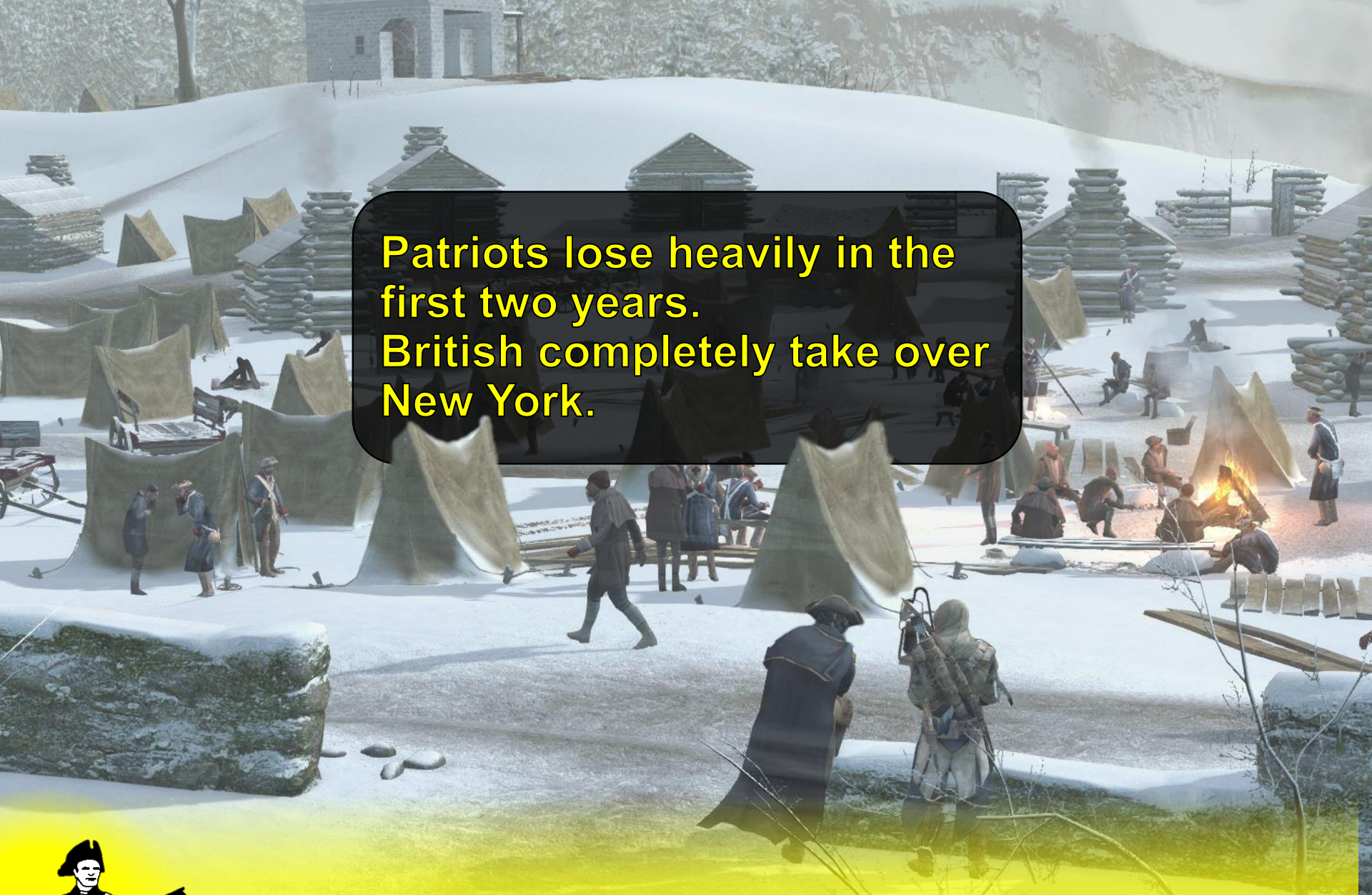
Strengths:

- Very experienced
- Very well trained and disciplined
- Extremely well supplied and funded

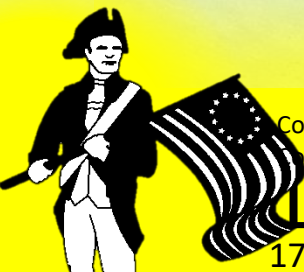
Weaknesses:

- Fighting far from home
- Old tactics

OVERALL **9**



Patriots lose heavily in the first two years.
British completely take over New York.



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Early on...

SO IF YOU CAN'T
BEAT 'EM...

PLAY BY

DIFFERENT RULES!

So who won

Battle 1- British Victory

Why?

Battle 2 – Patriot Victory

Why?



Continental Declaration of Congress
British Take Independence
New York
Saratoga

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After winning at Saratoga
France joined the war on the
side of the rebels. Their help
was absolutely vital.

Later Successes



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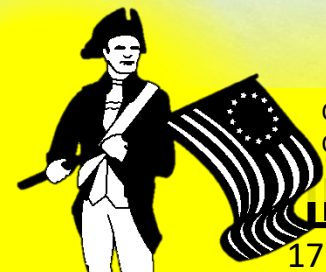
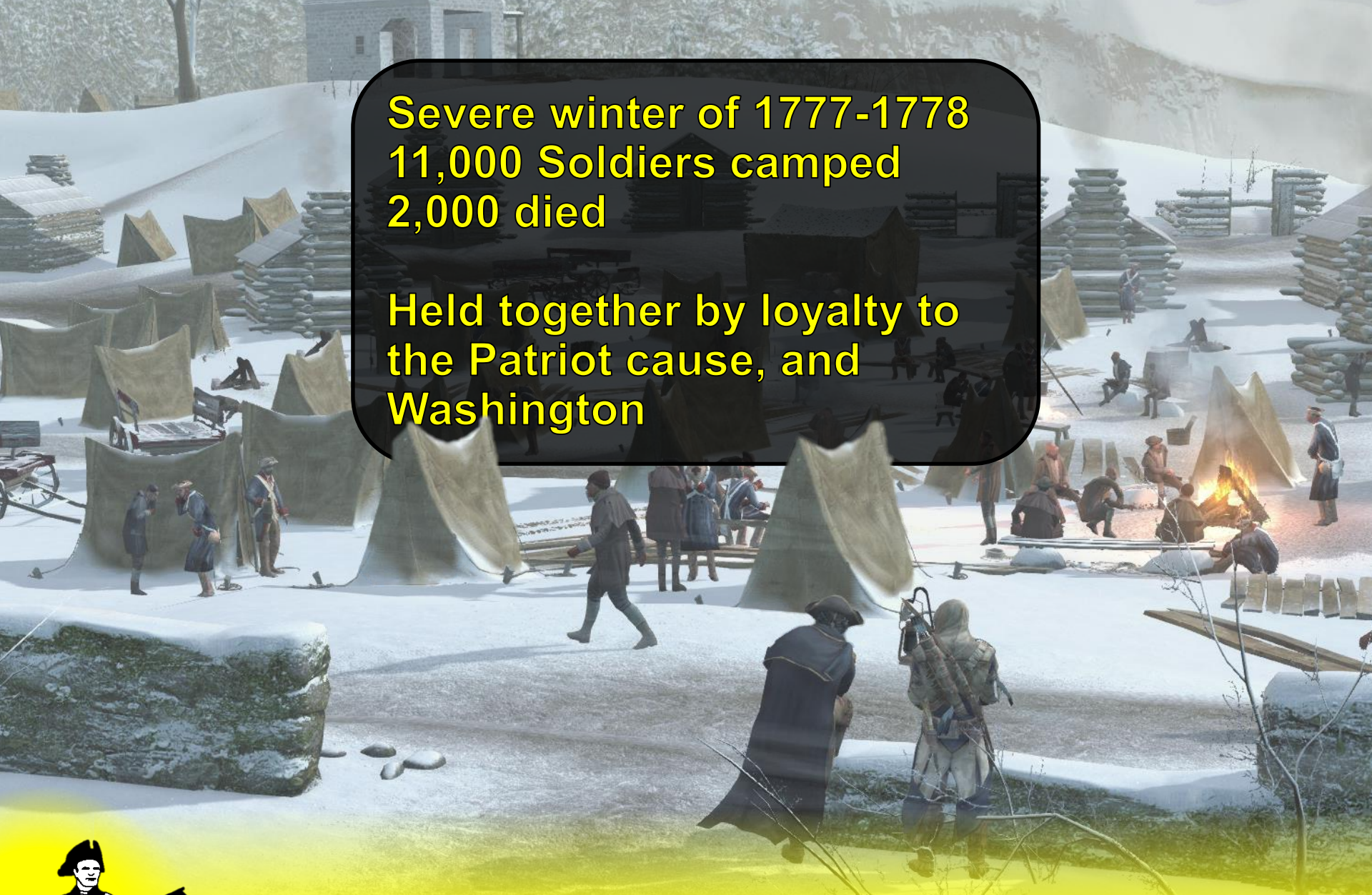
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Severe winter of 1777-1778
11,000 Soldiers camped
2,000 died

Held together by loyalty to
the Patriot cause, and
Washington



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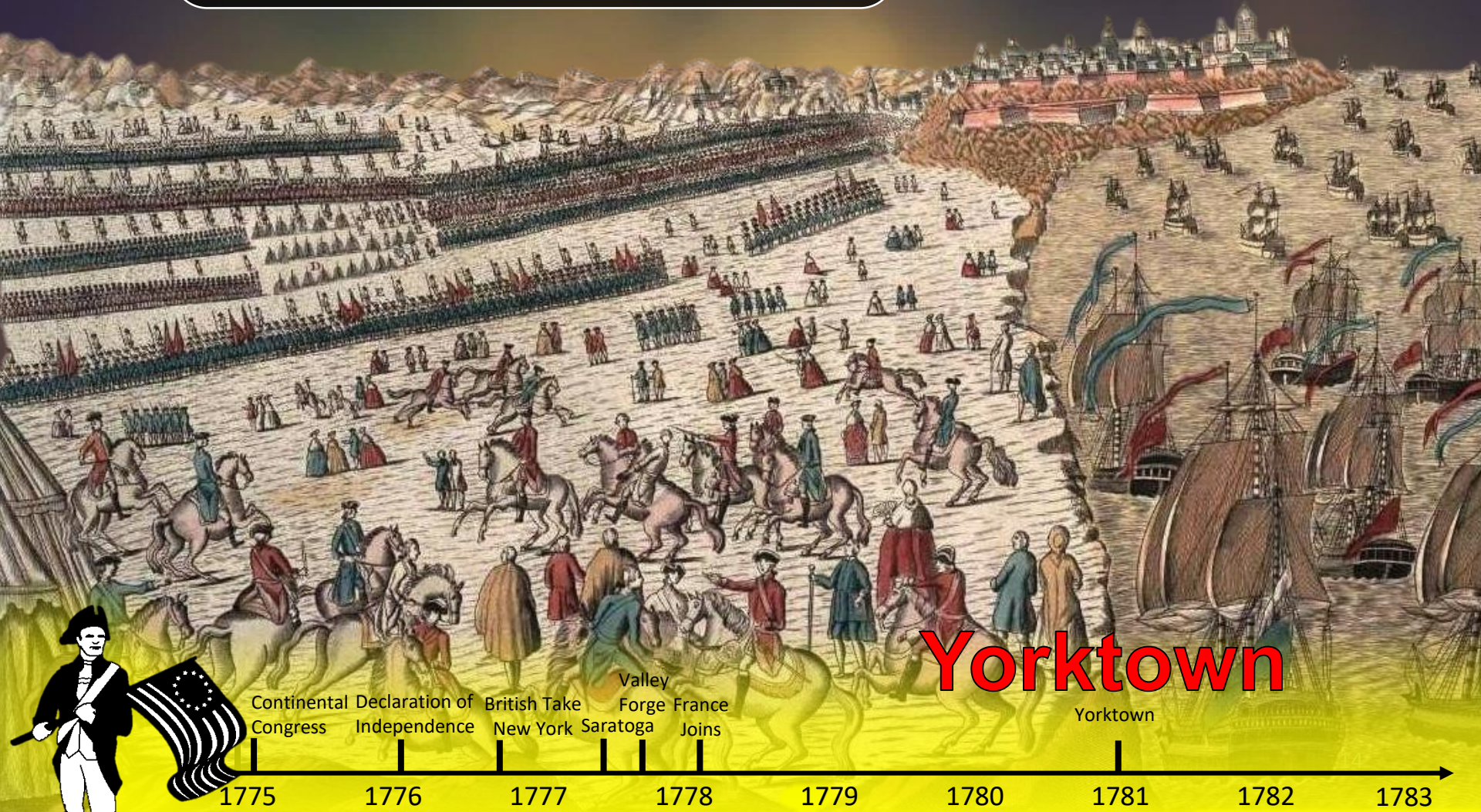
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A united French and American army surrounded the British army and then...



Yorktown

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Beat them so badly that the British commander surrendered. This was the beginning of the end.



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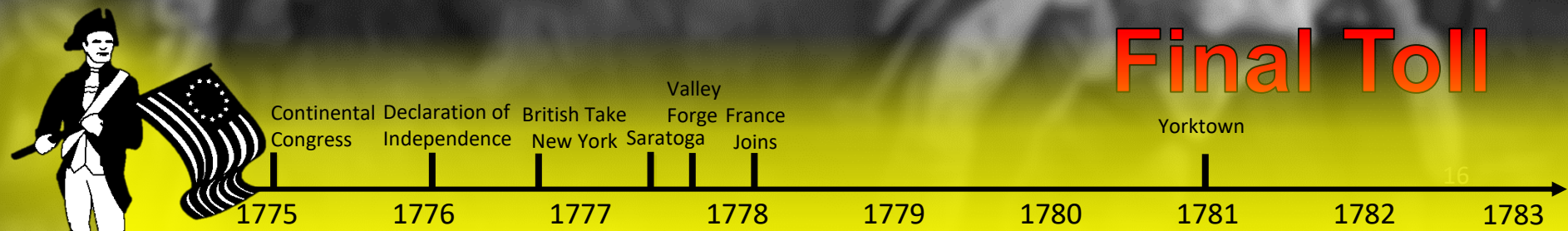
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The war lasted 8 years – longer than any until 1960. 25,000 Americans died – 8,000 in battle, 10,000 from disease and 7,000 in prison camps.

Final Toll



Treaty of Paris

Signed in 1783 recognizing US independence. This soon inspired others (like France) to rebel against their kings.

