

The American Revolution

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the American Revolutionary War.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- History.com, “American Revolution”
<http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution>

Key Resources at a Glance:

- [*Revolutionary War Almanac*](#) by John C. Fredriksen (2006) (973.33 FRE)
- University of Houston, *Digital History*, “Overview of the American Revolution”
<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraid=3&smtid=1>

Reference Background

- [*The American Revolution*](#) by David F. Burg (2007) (973.3 BUR)
- [*The Encyclopedia of The American Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and Military History*](#) by Gregory Fremont-Barnes, et al. (2006) (973.303 ENC)

Resources

Books

- [*American Tempest: How the Boston Tea Party Sparked a Revolution*](#) by Harlow G. Unger (2011) (973.3 UNG)
- [*Independence: The Struggle to Set America Free*](#) by John E. Ferling (2011) (973.3 FER)
- [*With Fire and Sword: The Battle of Bunker Hill and the Beginning of the American Revolution*](#) by James L. Nelson (2011) (973.3312 NEL)
- [*Tories: Fighting For the King in America's First Civil War*](#) by Thomas B. Allen (2010) (973.314 ALL)
- [*American Revolution: People and Perspectives*](#) by Andrew Frank (2008) (973.31 AME)
- [*Forgotten Patriots: The Untold Story of American Prisoners During the Revolutionary War*](#) by Edwin G. Burrows (2008) (973.371 BUR)
- [*Almost a Miracle: The American Victory in the War of Independence*](#) by John E. Ferling (2007) (973.3 FER)
- [*The Unknown American Revolution: The Unruly Birth Democracy and the Struggle to Create America*](#) by Gary B. Nash (2005) (973.3 NAS)

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Revolutionary War
- American Revolution
- Colonial America
- Declaration of Independence
- War for Independence
- British-American War

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- United States--History--
Revolution, 1775-1783

Call Number

- 973.3 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCO Host
<http://search.ebscohost.com>
- First Search
<http://firstsearch.oclc.org>

Library catalogs

- Urbandale Public Library
<http://www.urbandalelibrary.org>
- SILO – (Iowa Locator) state-wide catalog
<http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us/cgi-bin/zform.CGI?SILO>
- World Cat – world-wide catalog
<http://worldcat.org>

- [*Daily Life During the American Revolution*](#) by Dorothy Denneen Volo and James M. Volo (2003) (973.31 VOL)
- [*The American Revolution: Writings from the War of Independence*](#) (2001) (973.3 AME)

Journals

- *Journal of American History* available through [EBSCOHost](#).
- *American History* available through [EBSCOHost](#).

Web Pages and Web Portals

- University of Houston, *Digital History*, “Overview of the American Revolution”
<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/era.cfm?eraid=3&smtid=1>
- Library of Congress, “American Revolution, 1763-1783”
<http://www.loc.gov/topics/content.php?subcat=5>
- National Archives, “Revolution and the New Nation, 1754-1820s”
<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/revolution-new-nation.html>
- National Park Service, “The American Revolution: Lighting Freedom’s Flame”
http://www.nps.gov/revwar/about_the_revolution/overview.html
- Revolutionary War Archives, <http://www.revolutionarywararchives.org/>
- The History Place
<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/index.html>
- USHistory.org, “Timeline of the Revolutionary War”
<http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/revwartimeline.htm>

Organizations and Special Collections

- American Historical Association
<http://www.historians.org>
- Organization of American Historians
<http://www.oah.org>
- Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.
<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu>

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