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| <p>1775 Lord Dunmore, royal governor of Virginia, appeals to slaves to support Britain</p> <p>1776 July: Declaration of Independence
August: Battle of Long Island initiates retreat of Continental Army
September: British land on Manhattan Island
December: George Washington counterattacks at Trenton</p> <p>1777 Slavery abolished in Vermont
September: British General William Howe captures Philadelphia
October: British General John Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
November: Continentals settle into winter quarters at Valley Forge
December: France recognizes American independence</p> <p>1778 June: France enters the war
June: Battle of Monmouth hastens British retreat to New York
July: George Rogers Clark captures Kaskaskia
December: British capture Savannah</p> <p>1779 Spain enters the war</p> | <p>1780 February: British land at Charleston
July: French land at Newport
September: British General Charles Cornwallis invades North Carolina</p> <p>1781 February: Robert Morris appointed superintendent of finance
March: Articles of Confederation ratified
October: Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown</p> <p>1782 Peace talks begin</p> <p>1783 March: Washington mediates issue of officer pensions
September: Treaty of Paris signed
November: British evacuate New York</p> <p>1784 Treaty of Fort Stanwix
Postwar depression begins</p> <p>1785 Land Ordinance of 1785
Treaty of Fort McIntosh</p> <p>1786 Jefferson's Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom
Rhode Island currency law
Shays' Rebellion</p> |
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