

Visual Review

War at Sea

The U.S. builds a navy to disrupt British operations.

War in the South

Britain shifts the ground war to the south.

Loyalists: Resistance and Migration

Diverse groups remain loyal to the British.

Ideology and Transatlantic Politics

American Revolutionaries express an ideology of republicanism.

Trying Times: War Continues

The British wage tough warfare, but the United States persists.

Alliance with France

France forms an alliance with the United States.

The Revolution Takes Root

A REVOLUTIONARY NATION, 1776–1789

The Structure of Authority

State Governments

The states begin to draft state constitutions.

Military Organization

Congress subordinates military power to civilian authority.

Articles of Confederation

Continental Congress forms a national government.

Diplomacy and International Finance

U.S. begins diplomatic relations seeking recognition and funding.

