



The Beginnings of America

Timeline Cards

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Chapter 1: North America's First Peoples



Long before there was a country called the United States, many different Native American groups lived in communities throughout North America.

Framing Question: Who were the first peoples to live in North America?



Chapter 2: Thirteen Colonies

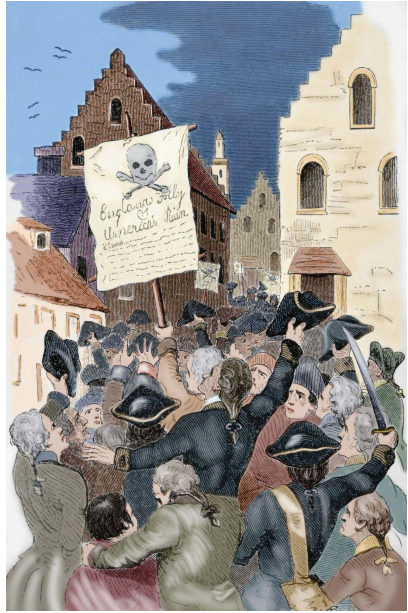
The United States began as thirteen colonies controlled by England.



Framing Question: What was life like in the thirteen colonies?



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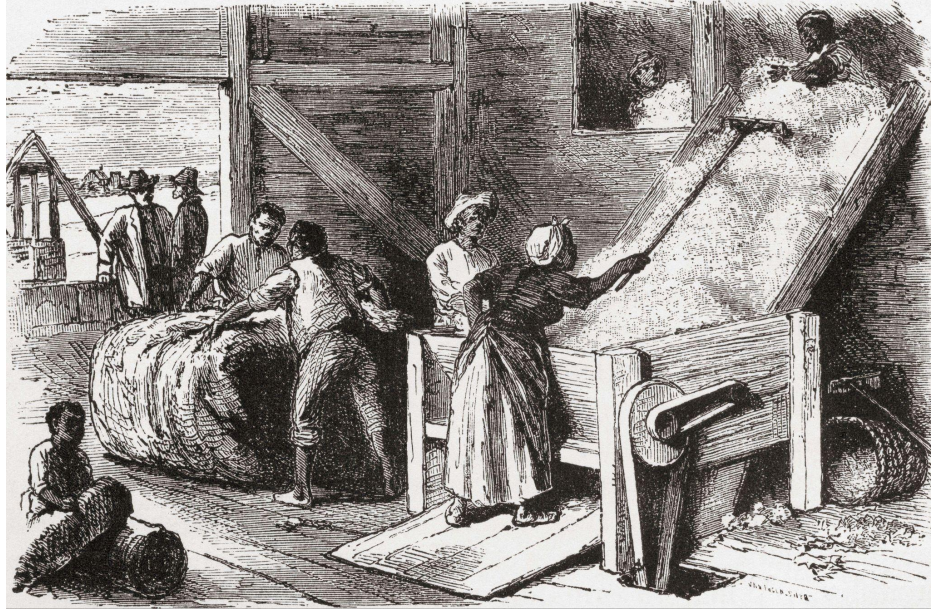


King George III of Great Britain wanted the colonies to help pay for Britain's war with France. So the king and his parliament decided to make the colonists pay more taxes. This made the colonists angry.

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Africans were forced to come to the colonies, where they were enslaved and forced to work on plantations.

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Chapter 3: From Colonies to Independence



Colonists protested the tax on tea with the Boston Tea Party.

Framing Question: How did the colonies win their independence?



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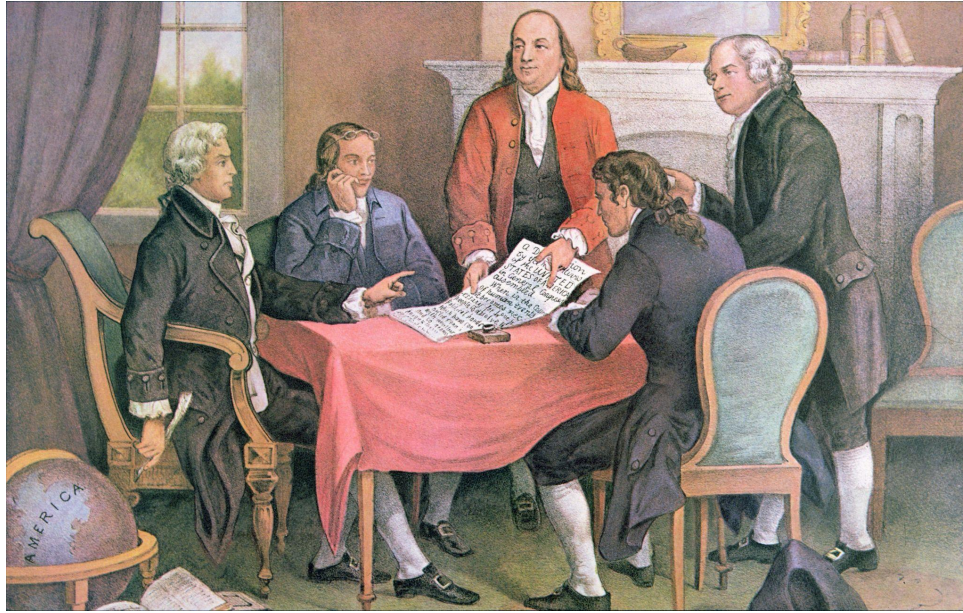


The War of Independence from Britain began with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Framing Question: How did the colonies win their independence?



Chapter 3: From Colonies to Independence



American leaders announced the creation of the United States in the Declaration of Independence.

Framing Question: How did the colonies win their independence?



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After many years of fighting, the Americans won the War of independence against Great Britain.

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Chapter 4: Washington, D.C., and American Symbols



Washington, D.C., became the capital city of the United States.

Framing Question: What places and symbols represent the United States?



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Betsy Ross is believed to have designed the first American flag.



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