

# *Patriots Fight the Revolutionary War*

## Gathering the Facts

1. Turn to pages 38–39 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at the graph “Colonists Take Sides.” Use the information to answer the following questions.
  - a. Which countries supported the Patriots? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. What percentage of American colonists supported the British \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What percentage of American colonists did not take sides? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Which side did Indians west of the colonies support? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Why did slaves fight in the Revolutionary War? \_\_\_\_\_

## Links Far and Near

2. Look at the maps “Battles on Land” and “Battles at Sea.” Use the information to complete the chart below.

Battle Name	Location	Year
Lexington	On land, in Massachusetts	
	On land, in New Jersey	1776
Saratoga	On land, in New York	
Flamborough Head		
	At sea, near Europe, along the Spanish coast	
Kings Mountain		
	At sea, near Virginia	
	On land, in Virginia	

### 🦋 Places, Regions, and Landscapes

3. Look at the map “Battles on Land.” Write **N** if most of the battles of that time period took place in the northern colonies (New England and Canada), **M** if most of the battles took place in the Middle Colonies (New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey), and **S** if most of the battles took place in the South.

- a. 1775 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 1776–1777 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 1780–1781 \_\_\_\_\_

### 🦋 History Through Maps

4. Look at the map “Battles at Sea.” Circle the battles that were victories for the Patriots or their allies.

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| a. Lake Champlain | d. St. Lucia      |
| b. Whitehaven     | e. Charles Town   |
| c. Dominica       | f. Virginia Capes |

### 🦋 Thinking About History

5. Look at the map “Battles at Sea” and the picture. Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.

- a. Most naval battles were fought at a distance. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The French Navy fought mainly in the West Indies. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The British and Patriot Navies were always successful near their homelands.  
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### ★ People and Cultures

6. Look at the graphs “Colonists Take Sides” and “Soldiers’ Deaths.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.

- a. About \_\_\_\_\_ percent of American colonists supported the Patriots during the Revolutionary War.
- b. The Patriots lost \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers, while the British lost only \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers.
- c. Only \_\_\_\_\_ percent of Patriot soldiers died in battle. The rest died from \_\_\_\_\_, exposure, and prison.