

Battles of the American Revolution

Objective: To identify the key conflicts of the American Revolution (SC Standard 8-2.3)

In 1765, Britain imposed the Stamp Act on colonists, in which colonists would have to pay taxes on commercial and legal papers, newspapers, almanacs, pamphlets, cards and dice. This tax was imposed after the French and Indian War so Britain could pay off their expenses. The colonists resisted because they felt they had already paid with the lives of colonists who died helping in the war. The colonists also thought it was unfair for Britain to tax them without their say. The Stamp Act was a major turning point leading to the war. It was the first time the colonists felt as one body *separate* from Britain. The colonists seemed to be "getting out of hand" to Britain, so they sent troops to enforce the law and keep peace. The troops failed, and after several confrontations, the Revolutionary War began.

In this learning station, you will identify the major battles of the war that followed.

1. Using your text, you should identify at least seven (7) of the main battles of the war, being sure to include all three major battles that took place in South Carolina.
2. Determine which side won each battle—the British or the colonists. Label the map (entitled 13 Colonies) with the location of each battle using blue ink if the battle was won by the colonists and red ink if the battle was won by the British.

*Each group member should turn in a map.

