

## Who Won the American Revolution?: Crash Course US History #7

1. The main strategy of the British in the Revolutionary war was to \_\_\_\_\_ all the cities and force the colonists to surrender. And the first part of that strategy pretty much worked. They captured Boston and New York and Charleston, but all the colonists had to do was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. But the most important battle, at least in the North, was not Trenton, but \_\_\_\_\_. This was a major defeat for the \_\_\_\_\_, and while it's often put forth as an example of the superiority of the Continental fighting man, the British mostly lost because of terrible generaling.
3. Let's go to the Thought Bubble.  
Others were pacifists, like the Quakers, who often had their property confiscated when they refused to fight, and in colonial America, of course, losing property also meant losing \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Now, many slaves were returned to their masters, but more than 15,000 left the U.S. when the British did. And it's worth remembering that the British Empire abolished slavery in all of its territory by 1843 and without a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. And it should be mentioned that, unsurprisingly, American troops were particularly brutal to American Indians who fought for the \_\_\_\_\_, burning their villages and enslaving prisoners, contrary to the accepted rules of war.
6. However, the idea of Republican Motherhood became really important. It held that for the republic to survive, it was necessary to have a well-\_\_\_\_\_ citizenry.
7. So what was revolutionary? Well, the ideas. A lot of which are summed up in a single sentence of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created \_\_\_\_\_, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights and that among these are life, \_\_\_\_\_, and the pursuit of happiness."
8. Another aspect of the American revolution that was pretty revolutionary was the beginning of true \_\_\_\_\_ freedom. Like, with independence, the Church of England ceased to be the Church of America.
9. Mystery Document author? Noah \_\_\_\_\_
10. And while the U.S. no longer leads in equality of opportunity, that early American idea that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ in our capacity to reason and to work became the foundation not just for the American Revolution, but for many others that would come afterward.