



Subject: Revolutionary War

Skill: Formulating and Asking Questions

Framing:

Discuss with students: What was the American Revolution? What do they already know about this event? Show students the video, [What's the Story With National Stories?](#) from the National Museum of the American Indian. Discuss with students: How does the video define a 'national story'? Why does the video argue we should question such stories? Do students agree? Disagree?

What types of people were participating in the revolutionary war? For what reasons were these people participating? What were the stakes for different groups of people if America won? What questions can we ask to learn more about how different groups experienced the war? Use these questions and your own to frame a discussion using the resources curated in this document.

Relevant State Standards:

Social Studies Skills, Strand 2: Uses Inquiry-based research	History, Strand 3: Understands that there are multiple perspectives and interpretations of historical events
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Resources:

PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LESSON PLAN	VISUAL
<p>American Revolution and Early Republic Journalism in Action: A gallery of primary sources designed for secondary classroom use. Includes suggested questions and links to further materials. <i>Source: PBS Learning Media (requires a free account for full access)</i></p>	<p>Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Lands and the American Revolution: An informational website that asks, "How did the American Revolution cost the Haudenosaunee Confederacy most of its land?" <i>Source: National Museum of the American Indian</i></p>	<p>Finding Freedom: An interactive resource telling the stories of five African American men and women in war-torn revolutionary Virginia. <i>Source: Museum of the American Revolution</i></p>	<p>Powder horn: Carved with the name of Prince Simbo, an African American soldier in the Continental Army, as well as various symbols and the date November 17, 1777. <i>Source: National Museum of African American History</i></p>

Further Research:

[Teacher Resource Guides from the Museum of the American Revolution:](#) Modular materials, including lesson plans, primary sources, and more, on various revolutionary topics.