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THE VICTORY AT YORKTOWN

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American forces under the dashing French General Lafayette have bothered General Cornwallis' Royal Army in Virginia. In the heat of summer, General Cornwallis decides to rest his army at the port of Yorktown, where they can easily defend themselves from Lafayette's force and get resupplied by the Royal Navy. He doesn't know that a French fleet is sailing to Virginia to trap him in Yorktown!



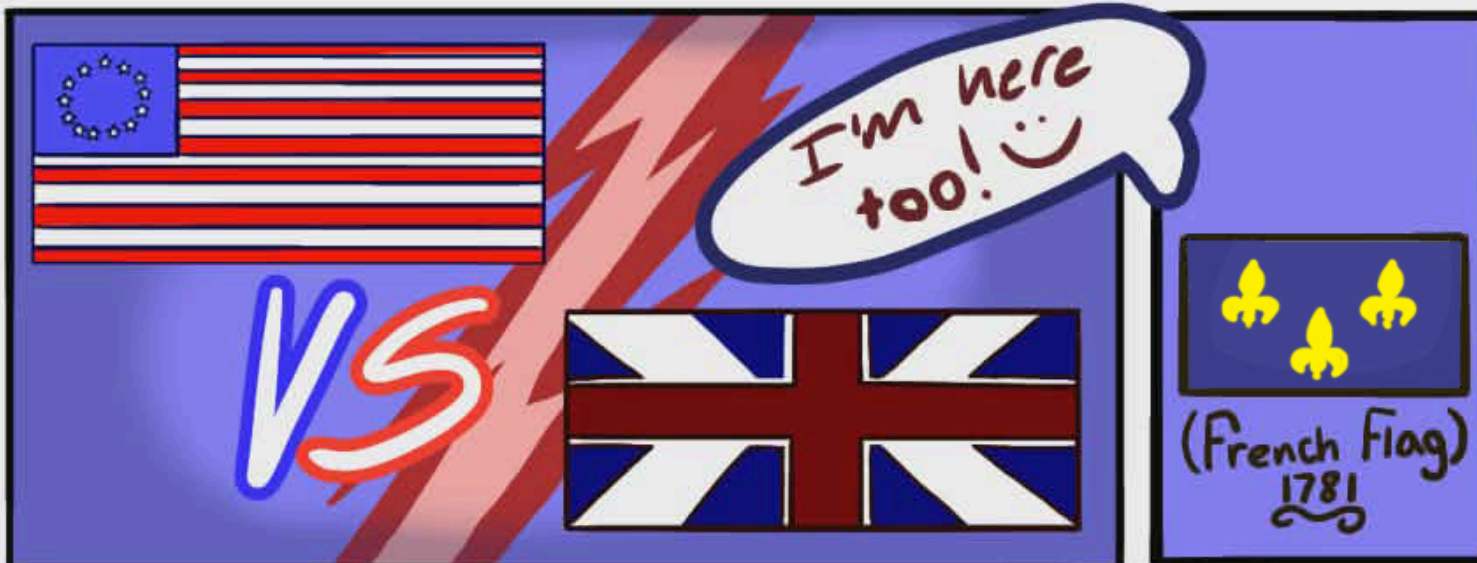
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The Battles of Lexington and Concord

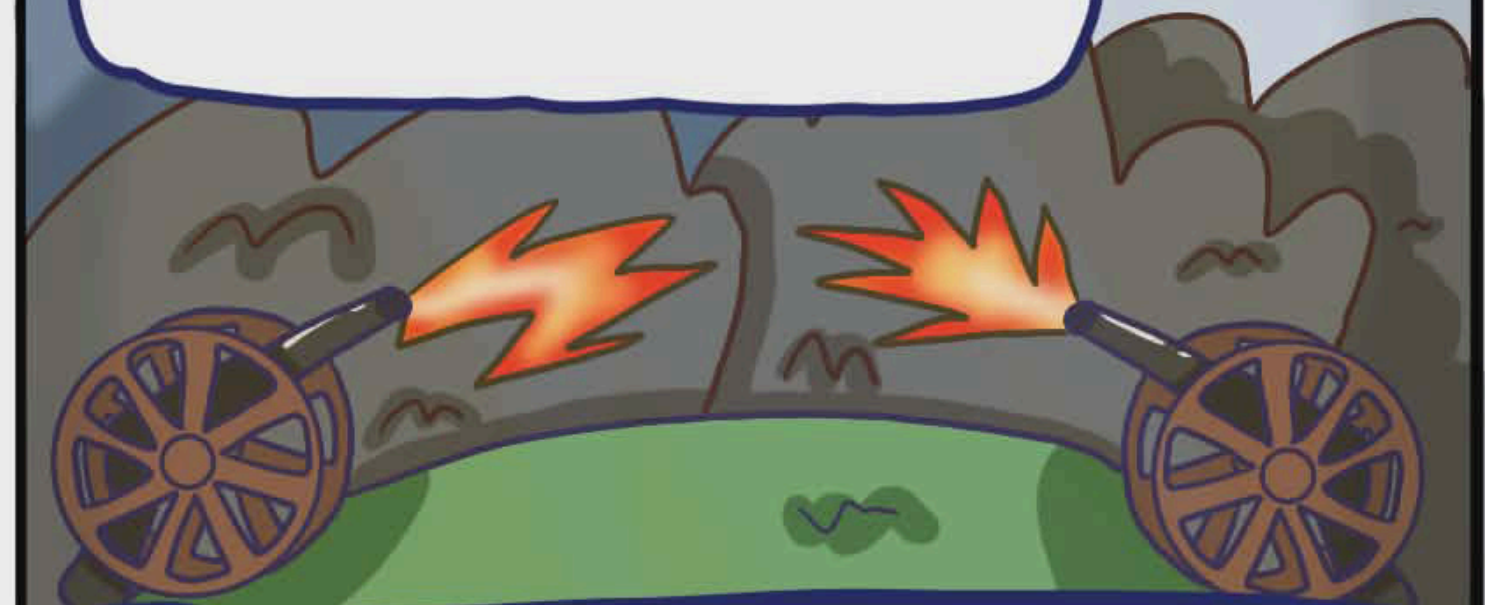
Royal forces capture Savannah, Georgia

Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina

IN 1781 GEORGE WASHINGTON AND HIS ARMY MADE THE CHOICE TO ATTACK THE BRITISH IN YORKTOWN. THEY MADE THIS CHOICE BECAUSE THEY WERE PROMISED NAVAL SUPPORT FROM THE FRENCH.



THEY FOUGHT A GREAT BATTLE FOR THREE WEEKS.



BUT IN THE END THE BRITISH SURRENDERED.



Questions to Consider

1. What was the most important point of this chapter?
2. Where is Yorktown in relation to your home?
3. What was important about the Battle of Yorktown?
4. Who was the top American general at Yorktown? The top British general?
5. How long was it between the Declaration of Independence and the Battle of Yorktown?

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-  [“Did a derecho help defeat Gen. Cornwallis at Yorktown?” by Kevin Myatt, Cardinal News](#)