“LIBERTY OR DEATH!”
The Americans at War

SOCIETY AT WAR

Choosing Sides
- Revolutionary War
  - Patriots
  - Loyalists
  - Opportunists

British difficulties:
- William Pitt: "I rejoice that America has resisted.
- Edmund Burke: "...Revert to your old principles — seek peace and ensue it.
- Burke: "I do not know how to wish success to those whose Victory is to separate from us a large and noble part of our Empire. Still less do I wish success to injustice, oppression and absurdity.

Strategy: Leave after conquer an area, occupy capitals
- Effect: Patriots regain land
- Effect: alienate Tory planters

Male 15-60 yrs. called to serve

Two Purposes
- Defend own communities
- Help Continental Army

Problems of Finance and Supply
- Citizen-soldiers
- Fear of horrors of war
- Desertions
- Winter in Morristown (76-77)
  - 1,000 troops
What does an army need in order to fight a war?

Describe the state of the Continental Army in 1776.

“Discipline is the soul of an army.”

What kinds of problems did Washington face as he prepared the siege at Boston?

How did the British army and its soldiers compare to the American Continental Army?


What should be our strategy to remove the British from Boston?
& the Green Mountain Boys & the “noble train of artillery”

The Canons on
British evacuate Boston

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FACING THE BRITISH INVASION
- Battle of New York
- British seek to reconquer America
- General William Howe & Lord Admiral Richard Howe with Hessians
- Washington’s forces on Manhattan and Long Island
- HMS Phoenix & HMS Rose
You are Gen. Washington, and your men in New York and Brooklyn are facing an invasion force of 40,000 professional soldiers supported by an armada from the sea, as you have half that many men. Some of your advisors argue in favor of staying and fighting, while others say that we should abandon our defenses and burn New York City to deprive the enemy of its benefits. What would you do?

FACING THE BRITISH INVASION

Washington's Narrow Escape
Cont. Army surrounded at Brooklyn Heights, NY
- Morale sinks dangerously low

1776: BECOMING A "FORMIDABLE ENEMY"
- The Delaware Divide — winter quarters in NJ
1776: BECOMING A “FORMIDABLE ENEMY”

- British seek to Divide and Conquer
- British invade/occupy Philadelphia
- Effect =