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6th Grade U.S. History
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American Revolution Battles Chart

Direction: The American Revolution was the war for our independence. As a class, we will be researching the important battles, which shaped this struggle. Using your textbook pages 179-193 and internet websites, fill-in for each battle the five Ws..

Battle	When, Where, Who, and What happened?	Outcome
Long Island		
Trenton		

Battle	When, Where, Who, and What happened?	Outcome
Princeton		
Saratoga		

Battle	When, Where, Who, and What happened?	Outcome
Monmouth		
Yorktown		

The American Revolution

Comparing Two Points of View**The Battle of Yorktown**

In this activity you will compare two reports of the defeat of the British at Yorktown. These two excerpts are from reports of the battle.

Directions: *Read both excerpts below. Then answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.*

Report of Cornwallis to the commander of British forces in America, October 19, 1781.

I have the shameful task to inform your Excellency that I have been forced to surrender the troops under my command to the combined forces of America and France.

Our numbers had been reduced by the enemy's fire, but particularly by sickness and by the fatigue of constant watching and duty. Under these circumstances, I thought it would have been inhuman to sacrifice the lives of this small body of gallant soldiers by exposing them to an assault [by the enemy] which could not fail to succeed. I therefore proposed to surrender. I enclose the terms of surrender. I sincerely regret that better could not be obtained, but I have neglected nothing in my power to lessen the misfortune and distress of both officers and soldiers.

Report of Washington to the President of Congress, October 19, 1781.

I have the honor to inform Congress that the defeat of the British army under the command of Lord Cornwallis is most happily achieved. The tireless devotion which moved every officer and soldier in the combined army on this occasion has led to this important event sooner than I had hoped. . . .

I should be lacking in gratitude if I did not mention the very able help of his Excellency the Count de Rochambeau [a French commander] and all his officers. I also feel myself indebted to the Count de Grasse [a French admiral] and the officers of the fleet under his command.

1. What is Cornwallis's view of the events at Yorktown?
2. What is Washington's view of the events at Yorktown?
3. Why did Cornwallis and Washington have different points of view?
4. **Analyze Cause and Effect** Why did Cornwallis surrender?