



Family Newsletter for Unit 4

Revolution and Independence

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the factors that led the American colonies to decide to become independent of Britain
- how and where the American Revolution was fought
- the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 7: Causes of the American Revolution

Resolving conflicts Discuss what to do when two people want to watch different television programs. Discuss how the colonies tried to resolve their conflict with Britain.

Chapter 8: The War for Independence

Heroes George Washington was and still is a hero to many people. Talk with your child about your personal heroes. Ask your child about his or her heroes. Discuss what qualities in a hero are important to each of you.

Chapter 9: The Constitution of the United States

Rules and rights Together, read the Bill of Rights and discuss the meaning of some or all of the amendments. How have these rights affected your life and the lives of others?

Make It

National symbols Benjamin Franklin thought the wild turkey should be the symbol of the United States. Working together, design a new national symbol.

Draw or make a postage stamp or coin that shows your new symbol.

Read to Learn More About It

The Many Lives of Benjamin Franklin, by Mary Pope Osborne. Engagingly captures the multiple dimensions of Franklin's character and accomplishments, and highlights his goals and beliefs.

Those Remarkable Women of the American Revolution, by Karen Zeinert. During the Revolution, women contributed to the war effort on the home front and on the battlefield.

A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy, by Jim Murphy. Fifteen-year-old Joseph Plumb Martin enlists in the Revolutionary Army and fights alongside Washington, Lafayette, and Steuben.



Technology

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