**Revolutionary War: The Final Years**

Jan. 1781 Cowpens (S.C.)

1. Morgan = faked tactical retreat
2. Br. ran into his experienced troops

Mar. 1781 Guilford’s Courthouse (S.C.) Draw = high casualties

War of attrition in South: Greene + guerilla tactics (Francis Marion, “Swamp Fox”) cut off Br. supplies, communications

1. Br. overestimated loyalist support
2. Cornwallis heads north to cut off Greene’s supplies

Aug-Oct.

1781 Yorktown (Va.)

1. 5000 Fr. with Cont. Army, Fr. Fleet coming from W. Indies
2. Wash. faked NY attack, Clinton stayed in NY for 4 years
3. Cornwallis + 6000 Br. Regulars were surrounded by 8800 Amer. + 7800 Fr. + Fr. Fleet in harbor

October 19, 1781 = Surrender (Cornwallis refuses to attend)

Victory: 1781-1783

Mar. 1782: King Geo. III replaces North as Prime Minister

Treaty of Paris of 1783

1. Negoiated by Franklin, J. Adams, John Jay
2. Fr. loaned Amer. over 31 million
3. Cut Fr. out with unilateral agreement with Bri. (“babes in the wood”, more money?)
4. Terms:
5. U.S. “Free, sovereign, and indep.”
6. Boundaries: St. Croix, Great Lakes, Miss. River
7. Spain (regained E. , W. Florida)
8. Much of La., Miss., Ala., Ga. But NO access to Gulf
9. Fishing rights off Canada
10. Br. to leave all Amer. property + slaves (many to W. Indies, Canada, few to Eng.)
11. Debt still valid
12. “Recommend” to return loyalist property

Dec. 1783 Last Br. Leave

Summer 1783 Washington’s Farewell to Troops = resigned commission = returned to Mt. Vernon

Cost: 30-40% of 200,000 Cont. + militia died