

The Boston Tea Party

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(In 1773, some ships carrying tea from India arrived at the Boston Harbour. Some Americans dressed up as Red Indians went on board the ship and threw all the tea chests into the sea. This came to be known as the **Boston Tea Party**.)



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(The Boston Tea Party is said to have begun the *American War of Independence*.) When Washington arrived in **Cambridge, Massachusetts**, to take command of the American forces, battle had already been fought at **Lexington and Concord** and the British were occupying **Boston**. The Americans were outnumbered and were badly lacking in funds, arms, training and supplies.

The American War of Independence lasted about 8 years. It was a very difficult task for Washington to keep the states together. After 6 years of war, and seeing the condition of his army, he realised that his army would be no match for the British army. At this time, the famous British Commander, **Lord Cornwallis** made his headquarters in Virginia, a place called **York Town**. Washington, who had made friends with the French, attacked the British with their combined troops and forced Cornwallis to surrender. This ended the war in 1783.



The surrender of General Cornwallis

Some Battles in this War of Independence

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British takeover of New York.

Washington's famous Christmas night crossing of the Delaware and winning the Battle of Trenton, New Jersey.

Battle of Brandywine.

In 1783, in one of his finest moments, Washington resigned his Commission in 1783, giving up power when he could have used it to his maximum advantage. Washington returned to his Estate—Mount Vernon. But the weak state of the Union began to trouble Washington more and more. In 1787, he travelled to Philadelphia where his personality and position helped to bring a new **Constitution**. In 1789 he was elected the **First President of the United States of America.**

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☑ ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Write a short note about Boston Tea Party.
2. Which incident said to have begun the American War of Independence?
3. How long did the American War of Independence last about?
4. What did George Washington realise after the war continued for 6 years?
5. Who was Lord Cornwallis? Where did he make his headquarters during the American War of Independence?
6. How did Washington make the British Troop to surrender?

☑ WRITE DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING YEARS:-

a. 1773 b. 1783 c. 1787 d. 1789