- Benedict Arnold—traitor
- Deborah Sampson--disguised herself as a man and joined the army
- American troops and French navy defeat Gen. Cornwallis in Yorktown, Virginia--October 1781

- Treaty of Paris (April 1783)
 - -British recognize U.S. as a nation
 - Borders: Atlantic, Mississippi, Great Lakes, Florida

- · Americans won because...
 - British were far from home
 - Battles were spread over a large area
 - Americans knew the land
 - Help from other countries
 - Patriotism, fighting spirit
 - Good leadership, skilled troops(eventually)
- Washington says farewell Dec. 1783