

BATTLES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SIEGE OF YORKTOWN

The Siege of Yorktown was the last major battle of the American Revolution. It signaled the end of the war, as the British general, Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington, commander of the American forces. The British signed the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, which finally ended the war.

The battle was fought in Yorktown, Virginia from September 28 to October 19, 1781. The battle was fought both on land and on the sea. The French army and navy joined the American army to fight against the British. The French army was lead by General Rochambeau and the French navy was headed by Admiral de Grasse.



Washington marched to Virginia from New York to meet with the French navy, which sailed in from the West Indies.



American troops, under Lt. Col. Alexander Hamilton, rushed the British fortification, called a redoubt, at Yorktown.



Plan of the Siege of Yorktown, drawn in 1875



General Rochambeau (in light blue) and General Washington (in dark blue) at the end of the siege.

Q & A

Fill in the blank with the correct answer.

What year was the Siege of Yorktown?

1781

Who lead the American forces?

General George Washington

What country came to help the Americans?

France

What state is Yorktown in?

Virginia

What treaty ended the American Revolution?

Treaty of Paris