

Important Supporting Details: The Battles of Lexington and Concord

In an informational text, good writers develop the ideas. They do this by:

- sharing facts and details about the topic
- giving examples to explain an idea

Directions: Read the text. As you read, think about the most important details about the topic.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord began the American Revolution. The battles took place on the same day, April 19, 1775. Several towns around Boston, Massachusetts, including Lexington and Concord, saw fighting that day. The battles are known as the “Shot Heard ‘Round the World.”

In the colonies, there was a militia. The militia were citizens who were volunteer soldiers. They were not trained soldiers, but were often farmers or businessmen. The militia heard that the British were coming to Concord to take the supplies and weapons. So, they moved the supplies and waited for the British at Lexington. They were ready to fight.

Around 400 British soldiers arrived early on April 19, where 77 colonial militiamen were waiting. The first shots were fired and the militia retreated, as they were outnumbered.



Shots being fired at Lexington

The British went on to Concord, where they faced over 500 militiamen. Now the British were outnumbered and they retreated to Boston. The militia fought hard along the way. The militiamen blocked the roads to Boston so the British could not leave.

The militia beat the organized, trained soldiers in the British army. This gave the militia, a group of untrained soldiers, confidence to continue in the Revolutionary War.

Directions: Circle the three most important details from the list that support the main idea.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord were important in the Revolutionary War.

- The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the beginning of the Revolutionary War.
- Around 400 British soldiers arrived in Concord to fight the militia.
- The militia gained confidence from the victory over the British soldiers.
- The militia blocked the roads to Boston so the British could not leave.
- Lexington and Concord are cities in Massachusetts.
- The militiamen were made up of farmers and businessmen.