

• NYS SOCIAL STUDIES FRAMEWORK •

4.3d COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD IN NY



THE BATTLES OF SARATOGA



ELA
INTEGRATED



4.3d



PRIMARY
SOURCES,
INFORMATIONAL
TEXTS



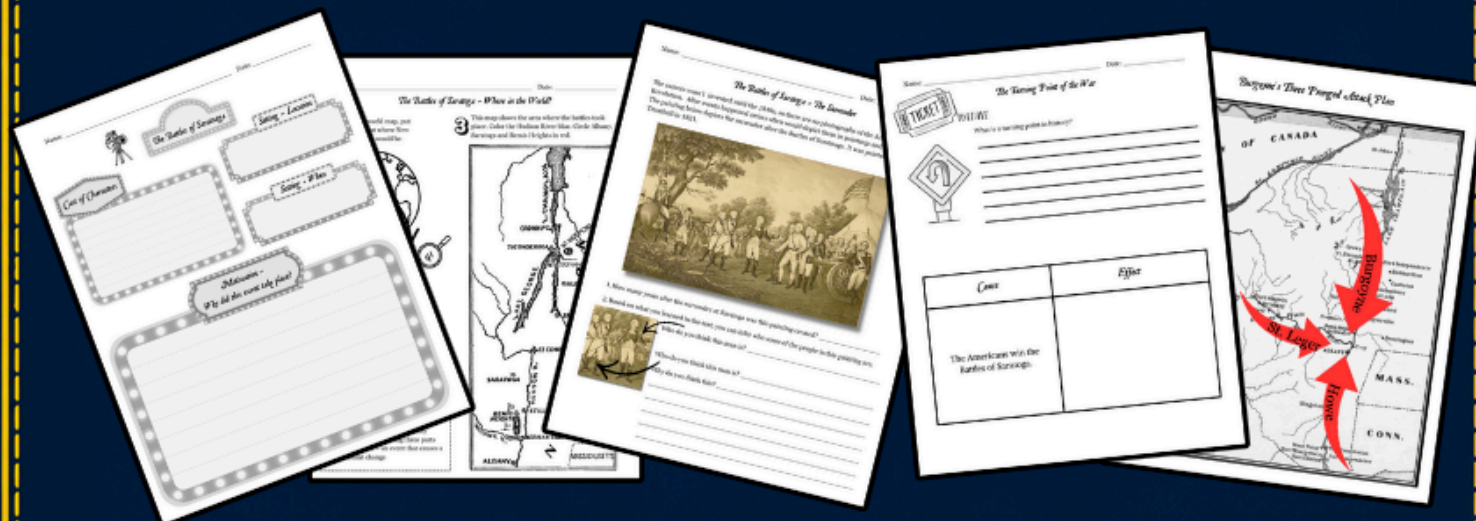
Assessments



Build Thinking Skills



Engaging Activities



NO PREP • PRINT & GO • ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

The Battles of Saratoga

New York State Social Studies Framework:

4.3d Growing conflicts between England and the 13 colonies over issues of political and economic rights led to the American Revolution. New York played a significant role during the Revolution, in part due to its geographic location.

- Students will investigate the strategically important battles of Long Island and Saratoga and why the Battle of Saratoga is considered by many to be a turning point. A turning point can be an event in history that brought about significant change. (Note: *The Battle of Long Island lesson can be found in my store*).

New York State Next Gen ELA Standards:

- 4R1 Locate and refer to relevant details and evidence when explaining what a text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences.
- 4R3 In informational texts, explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts, including what happened and why, based on specific evidence from the text.
- 4R5 In informational texts, identify the overall structure using terms such as sequence, comparison, cause/effect, and problem/solution.

Vocabulary:

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Materials:

Included:

- "The Battle of Saratoga - The Turning Point of the War" informational text
- Burgoyne's Three-Pronged Attack Plan map
- "The Battle of Saratoga - The Movie" - movie themed note catcher/organizer - color and black & white versions with key
- "The Battle of Saratoga - The Surrender" painting analysis & key
- Ticket to Leave with key

Online:

- Saratoga 250 Website - <https://saratoga250.com/discover/>
- Liberty's Kids 123 - The Hessians are Coming - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kr3tOIPF8Ek>

Complete Lesson Plan

says

with "The Battles of Saratoga - Where in the Word?"
will help students visualize where the battle took place.

If not done whole class you may want to review
tracy.

the Battle of Saratoga - the Surrender". Students will
the text to make inferences to identify the main

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anding: Ticket to Leave. Key provided.

of the Battle of Saratoga: A Turning Point in the
r (What You Didn't Know About the American

Michael Burgan by Anne Clothier and Alex Portal - this
book is written by an historian at the Saratoga Historical Society. There
is a free packet of activities that accompanies this at Consider the
Source NY (NYS Archives Partnership Trust) -

Meets part of NYS SS
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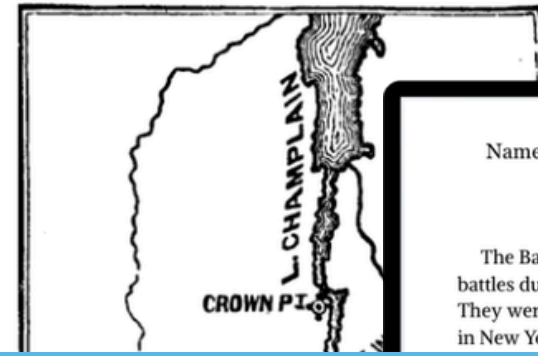
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The Battles of Saratoga - Where in the World?

1 On this world map, put an X about where New York State would be.



3 This map shows the area where the battles took place. Color the Hudson River blue. Circle Albany, Saratoga and Bemis Heights in red.



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The Battles of Saratoga - The Turning Point of the War

The Battles of Saratoga were very important battles during the American Revolutionary War. They were fought in 1777, near the town of Saratoga in New York. These battles helped the American

The First Battle: Freeman's Field
The first battle was fought at a place called Freeman's Field for many hours. Both sides

many soldiers and even though the British, their army was

Battle: Bemis Heights
The second battle happened on October 4th. This time, the British were defeated. Benedict Arnold's army was a powerful charge. The British were

make this happen.
The American army was led by General Horatio Gates. The Americans built strong defenses on high ground called Bemis Heights to stop the British army.

Burgoyne's Three-Pronged Attack

General Burgoyne's plan was part of a three-pronged attack, which means three British armies were supposed to attack from three different directions at the same time. The goal was for all three armies to meet in Albany, New York, and take control of the Hudson River.

- General John Burgoyne would lead the main army south from Canada.
- Colonel Barry St. Leger would march east through the Mohawk River Valley.
- General William Howe would move north from New York City along the Hudson River.

The plan did not work. St. Leger became tied up fighting at Fort Stanwix and the Battle of Oriskany, where his forces suffered losses and lost support. After these battles failed and American troops moved toward him, St. Leger withdrew and never reached Albany.

General Howe also did not come north because he decided to march his army to Philadelphia instead. Howe believed capturing Philadelphia, the American capital at the time, was more important, and there was confusion between British leaders about the plan. Because both armies failed to arrive, Burgoyne's army was left alone, far from help, and surrounded by American soldiers.

The British Surrender

After the second battle, the British army was surrounded. The help coming. On October 17, 1777, Burgoyne surrendered his entire army to the Americans. This was a big victory for the colonies. This was the first time a British Army had surrendered in the American Revolutionary War.

Why Saratoga Was Important

The American victory at Saratoga was a turning point in the war. It showed the world that the Americans could defeat the British. France decided to help the Americans with soldiers, ships, and supplies. It was more likely that the colonies would win the war.

After reading, go back and underline the text that answers each question. Use the color code key.

- Who? red
- When? blue
- Where? yellow
- Why? orange
- What? green

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The Battles of Saratoga - The Surrender

The camera wasn't invented until the 1840s, so there are no photographs of the American Revolution. After events happened artists often would depict them in paintings and other artwork. The painting below depicts the surrender after the Battles of Saratoga. It was painted by John Trumbull in 1821.



Burgoyne's Three Pronged Attack Plan

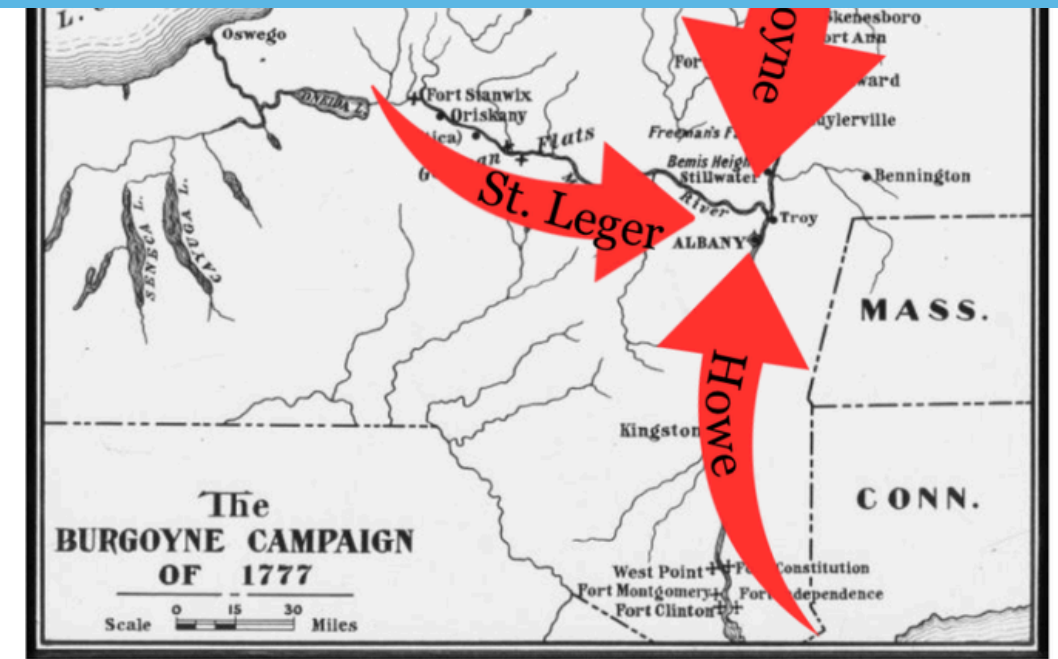


This is a map of New York State. Put a yellow star where Albany is located.



- Words to Know Before You Read:**
- Retreat – withdraw
 - Surrender -to give up completely
 - Three-pronged – having three parts
 - Turning point – an event that causes a significant change





Movie Themed Note Catcher/Organizer
Color and Black and White Versions

Ticket to Leave Assessment

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 *The Battles of Saratoga*

Cast of Characters

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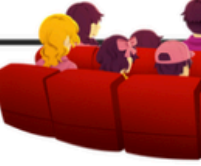
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The Turning Point of the War

 **TICKET** TO LEAVE

What is a turning point in history?

Motivation
Why did this event take place?





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