

# 5th Grade Social Studies

## Ch5 NOTES: AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### Lesson 1

#### Tensions with Britain

- The colonists had no representatives in the British Parliament.
- Because they lacked representation, the colonists believed that new British taxes were unfair.
- The colonists worked together to protest unfair British taxes.

### Lesson 2

#### The Colonists Rebel

- Tensions between the British and the American colonists led to the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party.
- The colonists first fought against British soldiers at Lexington and Concord.

### Lesson 3

#### Declaring Independence

- The Declaration of Independence established ideals of liberty, equality, and self-government for the new nation.
- Those who signed the Declaration risked their lives.

### Lesson 4

#### On the Battlefield and at Home

- Early victories inspired the Patriots to keep on fighting.
- France and other nations supported the Patriots against the British.
- American Indians were divided over which side they supported.

### Lesson 5

#### Winning Independence

- After losing battles in the North, the British invaded the South.
- Washington's victory at Yorktown was the last major battle of the war.
- The Treaty of Paris established American independence.