

Grade 4

Unit 4: *American Revolution: Building a Nation*



Unit-level Essential Question

How can a colony or group of colonies become a country?

Lessons 1–5

Guiding Question: How might conflicts lead to war?

Writing Prompt: What are some of the big events that led to discontent in the colonies?

Lessons 6–10

Guiding Question: How can a disadvantage be turned into an advantage?

Writing Prompt: How did the Continental Army win the war, even though it was at a disadvantage?

Lessons 11–17

Guiding Question: What role did women have in the Revolutionary War?

Writing Prompt: What else can you learn about the female heroes of the Revolutionary War? Choose one woman from the reading and research to find out more about her life.

Unit 4 Culminating Activity

Imagine you are a soldier in the Continental Army, marching from battle to battle in the cold. Write a letter back home to your family with details about what battles you have fought and what the conditions are like in the camps.