**Major Revolutionary War Battles**

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| **Battle** | **Date and Location** | **Description** | **Geographic Significance** |
| Battle of Trenton | December 26th, 1776  Trenton, NJ | George Washington led his army of 2,400 men across the icy Delaware River on Christmas night and surprise attacked the Hessians (Germans hired to fight for the British). The Continental Army killed 30 men and took 918 captives and 6 cannons. | The Continental Army successfully crossed the Delaware River in a snow and ice storm giving them access to the German Hessians 9 miles away |
| Battle of Saratoga | September 19th-October 17th, 1777  Saratoga, NY | The British plan to defeat the rebellious Americans was to take control of New York under the leadership of General Burgoyne, which would drive a wedge between New England and the rest of the colonies.  The Continental Army killed 1,200 British soldiers. | British troops are trapped at Saratoga, New York and are waiting for British reinforcements that never arrive. The Continental Army has control over the high ground at Bemis Heights and fortifications along the Hudson River. This victory is considered a turning point in the American Revolution because it signaled to France that the Americans had a chance of winning and convinced the French to join the fight on their side. |
| Battle of Yorktown | September 28th- October 19th, 1781  Yorktown, VA | Britain’s plan to counter the French–American alliance was to have General Cornwallis move the war to the southern states to try to separate those colonies from revolutionary forces in the North.  At the Battle of Yorktown, the British forces were attacked by the combined French and American armies and a French fleet. | The combined attack by both the French and Continental Army trapped the British forces on the Yorktown peninsula and were cut-off from any reinforcements. The British were outnumbered by the Continental and French troops 2-1.  After 3 weeks of bombing day and night, Cornwallis was forced to surrender, and the American Revolution came to an end. |