

The war for independence



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The US Flag



**Now the US flag has 13
white and red stripes.
They show the number
of first colonies.**

**Also it has 50 stars on the
blue background. It
means – 50 states.**

The first colonies in the North America were created in the early XVII th century by immigrants from England, Holland and France.

The first English settlement in the North America appeared in 1607

Gradually on the Atlantic coast there were 13 colonies with the population of 2.5 million people.



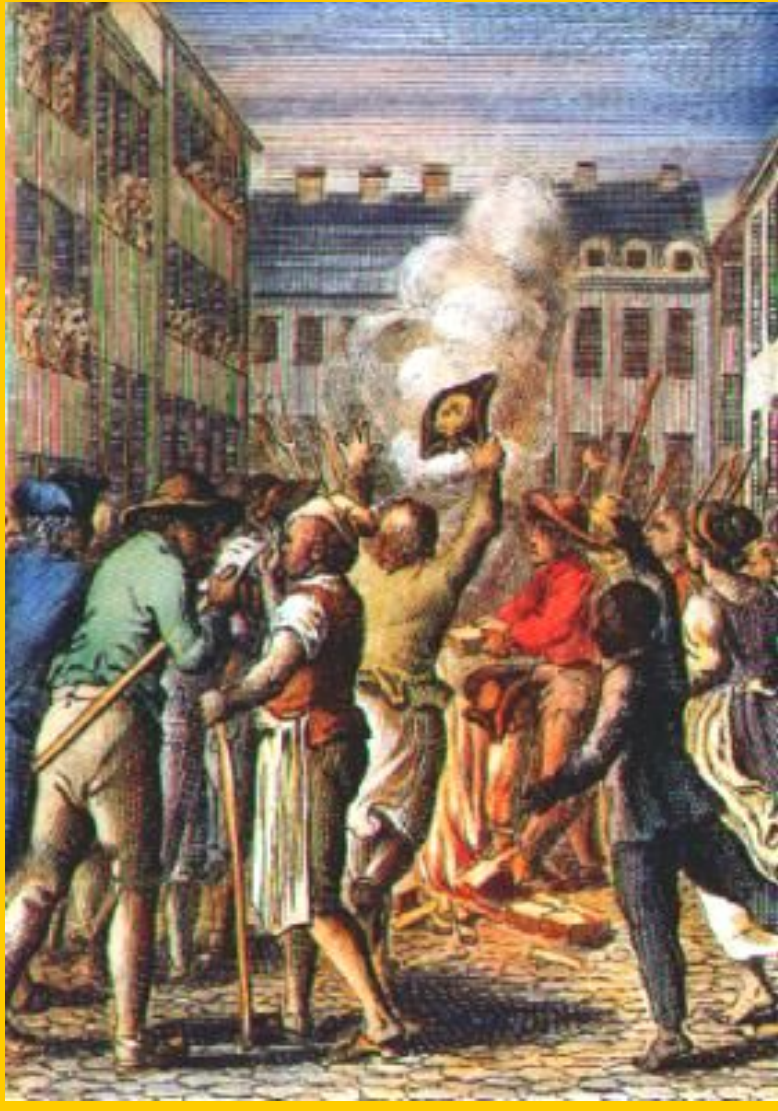


King George III.

The colonies were governed from England by the King George III. The governors of most of the colonies were appointed by The King himself.

King of England wanted to increase profits thanks to possession of the colonies.

Valuable Raw materials (fur, cotton, gold) were taken out and manufactured goods were imported by him.



The colonists were against the king George III and his taxes. They wanted to have independence from England. The war for independence began.



The Colonists at the beginning of the war were poorly armed and badly dressed, they didn't have enough ammunition. Many of them did not want to serve in the army. During the war, the colony's population was divided into two camps: patriots and loyalists, who were vitally connected with the interests of the British Crown."



In 1774 Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, It proclaimed the natural rights of the colonists to "life, liberty and property."



**George
Washington**

In May 1775 the Second Continental Congress was no longer colonial, but the U.S. government.

The turn of the events pushed members of the Congress to take decisive action - to form the army.

George Washington, large Virginia plantation owner and an experienced warrior, became the head of the U.S. forces.

Declaration of Independence



Томас Джефферсон.

**On the 4th of July in 1776
Declaration of Independence,
composed by a lawyer Thomas
Jefferson, was presented.**

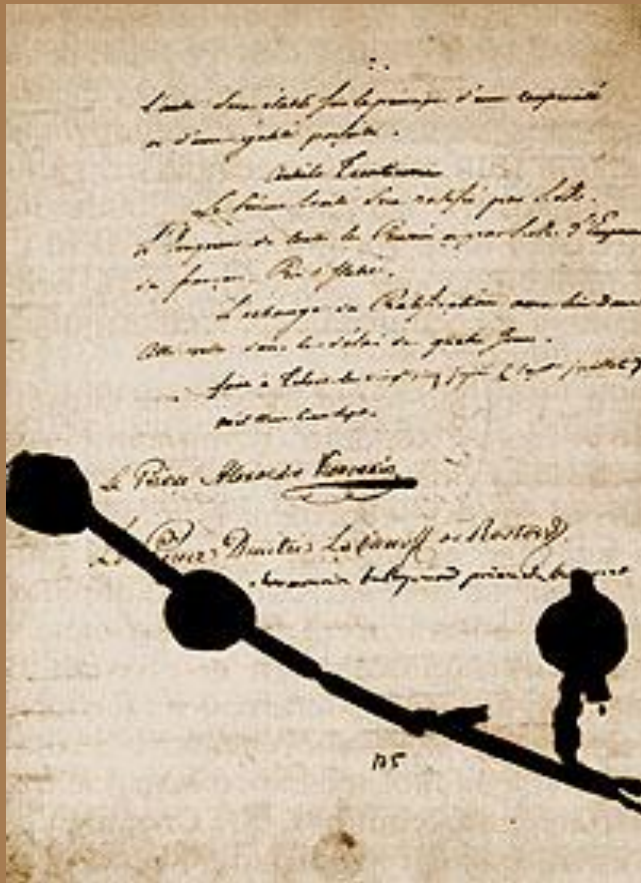
**The establishment of a new state
- the United States of America
was proclaimed.**

**There were 13 states in it in
1776**



Europe (France, Spain and the Netherlands) accepted the recognition of the United States.

A peace treaty



In 1783 a peace treaty was signed, under which Britain recognized the formation of the United States.



In 1787, the U.S. Constitution was adopted.