

Patriots and Providence

Homeschool Study Guide (High School Level)

For Parents / Teachers

This guide is designed to be:

- Simple
- Flexible
- Easy to Use (no teaching experience required)

How to Use:

1. Each day has:
 - o Assigned Reading
 - o Summary
 - o Questions & Discussion
 2. Spend about **20–30 minutes per lesson**
 3. Choose what works for your family:
 - o Read independently or together
 - o Answer orally or in writing
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Suggested 5-Day Plan

Day	Topic	Chapters
Day 1	Causes of the Revolution	Chapter 1
Day 2	Faith & the Founding	Chapter 2
Day 3	Washington & Early War	Chapters 3–5
Day 4	Turning Points	Chapters 6–9
Day 5	Final Victory	Chapters 10–13

Lesson 1: Causes of the Revolution

Assigned Reading: Chapter 1: *Oppression and Deliverance*

Summary

The Revolution began because colonists felt oppressed by British rule. They were taxed without representation and controlled by laws they didn't help create.

The book compares their experience to biblical examples of people being delivered from unjust authority.

Key Points

- Taxes without representation angered colonists
 - British policies restricted freedom
 - The Revolution was a response to injustice
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Discussion Questions

1. Why did the colonists believe British taxes were unfair?
 2. What does "representation" mean?
 3. Do you think rebellion was justified?
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Parent Tip

Relate this idea to:

- Rules without input
 - Decisions made without considering who is impacted by them
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Optional Activity

Write: Would you have supported independence? Why or why not?

Lesson 2: Faith and the Founding Fathers

Assigned Reading: Chapter 2: *A Foundation of Faith*

Summary

Faith played an important role in the Revolution. Leaders prayed, fasted, and looked to God for guidance during times of uncertainty.

Key Points

- Faith unified the colonies
 - Leaders publicly practiced religion
 - Religious freedom was a major concern
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Discussion Questions

1. Why might leaders look to faith in difficult times?
 2. How did religion influence unity?
 3. Should faith influence government decisions today?
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Parent Tip

Allow respectful disagreement, this helps develop critical thinking.

Optional Activity

Research a Founding Father and describe their beliefs.

Lesson 3: Washington & the Early War

Assigned Reading:

- Chapter 3: *Undeniably Chosen*
- Chapter 4: *A Dawn of Deliverance*
- Chapter 5: *A Patriot's Preservation*

Summary

George Washington became commander of the Continental Army. Though he faced many early defeats, his leadership, character, and perseverance helped hold the army together.

Key Points

- Washington was chosen for character, not just skill
 - Early battles often resulted in retreat
 - Survival of the army was critical
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Discussion Questions

1. What traits made Washington a good leader?
 2. Why is perseverance important in leadership?
 3. How did early defeats affect the war effort?
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Parent Tip

Ask: "What qualities do strong leaders have today?"

Optional Activity

Create a profile of Washington:

- Strengths, weaknesses, key decisions
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Lesson 4: Turning Points

Assigned Reading:

- Chapter 6: *The Night Crossing*
- Chapter 7: *Patterns at Princeton*
- Chapter 8: *An Unlikely Victory*
- Chapter 9: *Trials and Refinement*

Summary

Key moments that helped turn the war in favor of the Americans:

- Crossing the Delaware (Trenton)
 - Battle of Princeton
 - Battle of Saratoga (major turning point)
 - Survival at Valley Forge
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Key Points

- Trenton boosted morale
 - Saratoga led to French support
 - Valley Forge strengthened the army
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Discussion Questions

1. Why was Trenton important?
 2. Why was Saratoga a turning point?
 3. How did hardship at Valley Forge help the army?
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Parent Tip

Explain: “Winning morale can be just as important as winning battles.”

Lesson 5: Final Victory & Conclusion

Assigned Reading:

- Chapter 10: *An Unlikely Alliance*
- Chapter 11: *The Winds of Fate*
- Chapter 12: *The Final Battle*
- Chapter 13: *The Dawn of a Nation*

Summary

The war essentially ended when British forces surrendered at Yorktown. French support and strategic leadership helped secure independence.

The book highlights unlikely events as evidence of providence.

Key Points

- French alliance was critical
 - Yorktown was the final battle
 - The United States became independent
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Discussion Questions

1. Why was the French alliance important?
 2. What made Yorktown successful?
 3. What does the author mean by “providence”?
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Parent Tip

Ask: “Do you think events were coincidence or something more?”

Optional Activity

Write: “What was the most important thing that impacted the war, leading to an American victory?”

Key Vocabulary

Define:

- Revolution
 - Patriot
 - Loyalist
 - Alliance
 - Independence
 - Continental Army
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End-of-Week Review

1. What caused the American Revolution?
 2. Why was George Washington important?
 3. What happened at Saratoga?
 4. How did France help the colonies?
 5. Why did the British lose?
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Answer Key (For Parents)

Review Answers

1. Taxes, lack of representation, British control
2. Leader of the Continental Army
3. Turning point that brought French support
4. Military/naval support
5. American resilience + French aid

Final Note for Parents

This guide is meant to build understanding, encourage discussion, but most importantly to be flexible for your family.