



# The Treaty of Paris

**Signed**

**September 3, 1783**

# Preparations For The Treaty



- A preliminary treaty was signed in Paris in November, 1782
- The American Negotiation Team was made up of Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, & John Adams.
- Lord Shelburne - British Prime Minister (he actually made so many concessions that he was removed from power!)

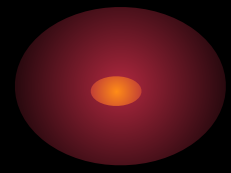
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- Formally signed on September 3rd, 1783
- The terms of the treaty were:
  1. The Americans were granted **UNCONDITIONAL** independence
  2. Americans would get unlimited fishing rights off the coast of Newfoundland
  3. Seized Loyalist property was to be returned
  4. Debts owed to Britain from before the war were to be repaid

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5. Boundaries would be established.
    - North to Canada
    - South to the 31st parallel
    - West to the Mississippi River
    - Florida was returned to Spain
    - Native American territorial rights were **IGNORED**
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# So Why Did The Americans Win The War?



- **General George Washington as Commander of the Continental Army** - would a different general have achieved the same results? (Think about what type of leader / person Washington was - Remember The Crossing)
- **Foreign Assistance** - Don't just look at it as what the Colonists gained, but also what would France & Spain have gained by getting involved in a war against Britain at the time
- **Knowledge of the Land** - Think Francis Marion. Also, what role did the "land" really play in the outcome of the war?

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- **Motivation** - What were the Colonists fighting for & why?  
Also what were the British fighting for & why?
  - **Errors in British Strategy** - Did the British military's experience in fighting European wars really prepare them for what they dealt with in America?
  - **Location & Distance of the War** - Did the problems & issues created by the location / distance of the battlefield "outweigh" the strengths of the British military?
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# The IMPACT of the War



- The colonies were now **FREE & INDEPENDENT**
- **Massive War Debt (between \$75-100 million combined State & National debt)**
- **60,000-70,000 Loyalists left to either return to Britain or settle Eastern Canada (80% of the pop. Remained)**

**However, some questions / issues would still need to be resolved...**

# The IMPACT of the War...



- What type of Government should the States have? (the 2nd C.C. had established a “confederacy” among the states)
- The Role of Women - the war years did allow some women to play larger roles in day-to-day life, but now what?
- Native Americans - the States had no obligation to uphold treaties established between Tribes & Parliament



# The IMPACT of the War...



- African Americans - the topic of slavery was INTENTIONALLY left out of the Declaration.
- The idea of slavery completely goes against the ideas of “natural rights” & “all men are created equally..”
- Geographically, the issue of slavery was becoming divided (Greater use of slaves in the South vs. Northern states beginning outlaw slavery)