

Word Wall

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776

boycott (verb)

Definition: joining others in refusing to do business with an organization or country to show disapproval of terms being forced upon them

Sentence: King George increased taxes on goods shipped to the colonies, so the colonists boycotted – refused to buy England's imported goods.

democracy (noun)

Definition: a government ruled by the people

Sentence: Most colonists didn't want to be ruled by a king, so they fought for a democracy – a government ruled by the colonists.

loyalist (noun)

Definition: a person who is loyal to a political cause, government, or king of a country

Sentence: Some colonists were loyalists – colonists who were loyal to King George III of England.

Monarchy (noun)

Definition: a government ruled by one person, like a king or queen

Sentence: During the American Revolution, England was ruled by a monarchy – King George III governed England and the colonies.

militia (noun)

Definition: civilians who have little military training and who are called to fight in an emergency

Sentence: The colonists were able to win the Revolutionary War because of the militia – many colonists who were self-trained and who joined the fight for freedom.

patriot (noun)

Definition: a person who loves his or her country and supports its authority and interests

Sentence: Many colonists were patriots – colonists who rebelled against the king and fought for independence.

persevere (verb)

Definition: to keep trying despite difficulties, opposition, or discouragement

Sentence: The militia retreated from the battle, but they eventually won the war because they persevered – kept trying, fighting in battle after battle until they won the war.

resilience (noun)

Definition: the ability to recover from or adjust to misfortune or change

Sentence: After the colonist retreated from the British, they demonstrated resilience – the ability to recover from defeat by restocking artillery and strategizing for the next battle.

revolution (noun)

Definition: the overthrow of one government to replace it with another

Sentence: Because the colonist wanted a government run by the people, they started a revolution – an attempt to replace King George's rule with a government run by the colonists.

treason (noun)

Definition: the crime of attempting to overthrow a government or attempting to harm the ruler of a country

Sentence: King George punished colonists guilty of committing treason – a crime, whereas the colonists fought against the king to free themselves of British rule.