

## ***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.

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### **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.

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# 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.

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# **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.

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# 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.

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# 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.