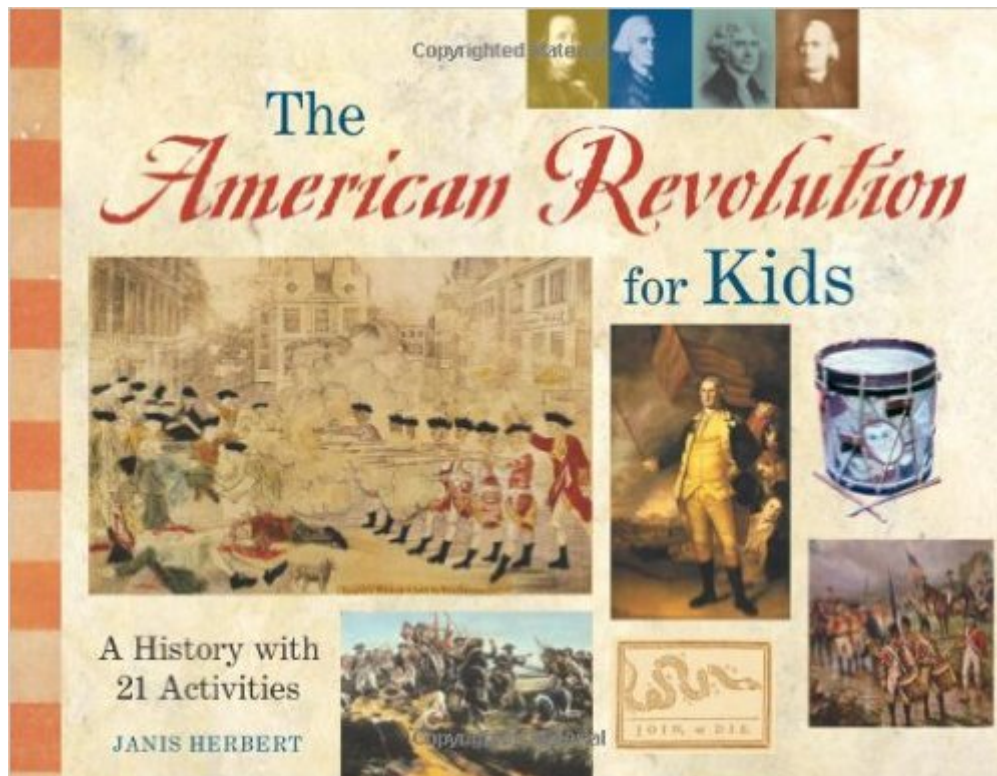


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# The American Revolution For Kids: A History With 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

Heroes, traitors, and great thinkers come to life in this activity book, and the concepts of freedom and democracy are celebrated in true accounts of the distinguished officers, wise delegates, rugged riflemen, and hardworking farm wives and children who created the new nation. This collection tells the story of the Revolution, from the hated Stamp Act and the Boston Tea Party to the British surrender at Yorktown and the creation of the United States Constitution. All American students are required to study the Revolution and the Constitution, and these 21 activities make it fun and memorable. Kids create a fringed hunting shirt and a tricorn hat and reenact the Battle of Cowpens. They will learn how to make their voices heard in a protest and how Congress works in a "There Ought to Be a Law." A final selection including the Declaration of Independence, a glossary, biographies, and pertinent Web sites makes this book a valuable resource for both students and teachers.

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## Customer Reviews

"The American Revolution for Kids: A History with 21 Activities" sets up the two complementary halves of Janis Herbert's book right in the title. On the one hand we have a fairly detailed history of the American Revolution for young students, with much more of a sense of the ebb and flow of the war itself, in terms of the specific battles, than they will find in their history textbooks. On the other

hand there are almost two dozen activities, which will give kids a chance to make this particular period of American history come alive. The seven chapters start with George III becoming king of England in 1760 and end with the ratification of the Constitution: (1) Sons and Daughters of Liberty looks at the taxation issues that sparked revolution; (2) Who Were the Colonists provides a sense of what these early Americans were like and what they did; (3) "We Must All Hang Together" details the early part of the war through the Declaration of Independence and the battles of Long Island and Trenton; (4) An Eventful Year covers 1777 and the pivotal battle of Saratoga and the winter at Valley Forge; (5) "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier" looks at who the soldiers were on both sides and what military life was like for them; (6) "The World Turned Upside Down" covers the end of the war with the surrender at Yorktown; and (7) A Good Peace, a New Nation starts with the Treat of Paris and ends with the Constitution being adopted. Many of the activities are things colonials would have actually been doing back then, such as brewing a batch of root beer, making Liberty Tea Punch, creating a sampler or papyrotamia, baking Boston Brown Bread and Churned Butter, or playing various colonial children's games (Skin the Snake, Stool Ball, and I Sent a Letter to My Love). Several of the activities are specific to the Revolution, such as making a tricorne hat or fringed hunting shirt, creating a power horn, and trying to get ready in a minute. There is even an activity for reenacting the Battle of Cowpens (requires far less bodies than doing the Battle of Antietam in the Civil War volume of this series). However, there are also activities specific to more contemporary concerns, such as protesting current issues of public concern and making a law. I cannot imagine that any class or individual student would take advantage of all of these activities, but certainly teachers could find a couple that would spice up a class unit on the American Revolution. What you find here can also inspire teachers and students to come up with their own activities. Still, you want to remember that this book is also informative, and teachers can find additional information to work into their classes as well as the activities. Sidebars throughout "The American Revolution for Kids" are devoted to key figures, topics, and issues from the period. The back of this volume includes a Glossary, A Guide to Officers on both sides, short Biographies of key political and military figures, the Declaration of Independence, a list of Web Sites to Explore, Revolutionary War Sites to Visit, a Bibliography, and Index. You can find additional books combining history and activities on the Civil War and World War II as well as significant art movements such as Monet and the Impressionists and Dali and the surrealists, all of which are worth at least a serious look by anyone teaching this material to younger students.

My boys are 6 & 4, not the target age for this book but don't tell them that. We've had the book for

nearly a year, we've read it front to back twice and favorite sections of it repeatedly. We've done several of the crafts including making fringed hunting shirts, making powder horns, and re-enacting the Battle of Cowpens (we did it with the boys' Playmobils) and everything has been a big hit. The boys aren't the only ones who enjoy it, I've learned a lot as well.

This book is an excellent introduction to the American Revolution. Children will undoubtedly find it entertaining and activities like making a tricorne hat or hunting shirt enjoyable. The American Revolution was one of the most important times in world history. Readers will clearly grasp this, and along the way, they will be treated to amusing incidents or myths like Israel Putnam's powderkeg duel. Although there are minor errors concerning the military aspects, they do not detract from the narrative. The book's greatest strength is in dealing with the political aspect of the war, showing the origins of English liberty at the beginning of the book - and the framing of the Constitution at the end.

Looked at quite a few books in search of one about the American Revolution for my 11-year-old daughter. Finally found this one and it is terrific. It is the perfect combination of informational text, illustration and easy and fun enrichment activities.

I purchased this book for my daughter as a birthday gift, and to help her burgeoning interest in American History. I read the book along with her, and found myself becoming more and more interested. I found that the book is a great overview of the Revolutionary War, containing enough information to get a real grasp of not only the battles, but the politics and day to day life of an American patriot. The book is clearly written, and easy enough for a child 6+ to understand, yet engaging enough for an adult to read. We haven't as of yet tried any of the projects, but the book itself is a fantastic introduction to an important and frankly overlooked (in the educational sense) time of American History. I could not recommend this book more.

This book has given my grandchildren and myself hours of fun and educational entertainment!! It helps young readers by getting them interested in history and letting them get a first hand look at some of the things from history from its many activities. If you don't mind a little work to help educate and entertain your children or grandchildren then this is the book for you. It would really be an asset to any classroom, even high school. We have really enjoyed it and I can highly recommend it. It can packaged very well and right on time. Highly recommend the book and the vendor. Very

pleased with both!!

Best youth resource for this material I've ever come across. It covers more battles, more thoroughly, than many of the adult resources I've looked at. The writing is engaging as well -- though I use it as a teaching guide, many students have checked it out to read independently. Gorgeous photographs, helpful maps, and interesting background information for historical figures like King George III. Plus the fun activities. A fantastic value.

It was used with a few sentences highlighted on one page, just as described, but other than that is in great condition! I checked this book out from the library for the kids history lessons and fell in love with it!

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