

NOTES FOR 4-4

1. **The Big Idea**

The war spread to the southern colonies, where the British were finally defeated.

Main Ideas

- Patriot forces faced many problems in the war in the South.
- The American Patriots finally defeated the British at the Battle of Yorktown.
- The British and the Americans officially ended the war by signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783.

2. **Main Idea 1: Patriot forces faced many problems in the war in the South.**

- War was not going well for British in North, so they set their sights on South.
- Hoped to find support from a large Loyalist population in Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia
- Planned to free slaves and give them arms

3. **Brutal Fighting**

- Patriots fought the Loyalists in direct combat in South.
- Georgia fell to British in 1778; Charleston, South Carolina, in 1780.
- Americans attacked British in August 1780, but failed to drive them out of South Carolina and suffered many casualties.
- **Francis Marion** was more successful using guerrilla warfare against British.
 - Surprise attacks to disrupt communication and supply lines

4. **Main Idea 2: The American Patriots finally defeated the British at the Battle of Yorktown.**

- General Charles Cornwallis moved British forces to Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781.
- Washington's Continental Army and French troops under **Comte de Rochambeau** surrounded the British.
- Cornwallis surrendered on October 19, 1781, after weeks of fighting. Patriots took 8,000 prisoners—the largest British army in America.
- The **Battle of Yorktown** was the last major battle of the American Revolution.

5. **Main Idea 3: The British and the Americans officially ended the war by signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783.**

After Yorktown, there were only a few small battles. The British lacked money to pay for a new army, so they entered into peace talks with the Patriots.

Treaty of Paris of 1783

- It took two years to come to a peace agreement.
- Britain recognized American independence.
- Set America's borders
- British accepted America's right to settle west of the original thirteen colonies.