

# The Middle Battles

The Middle Battles of the Revolutionary war, consist of a number of important battles such as, Saratoga, Yorktown, the Cowpens and the Battle of Brandywine. Benedict Arnold, George Washington, Daniel Morgan and Greene were all leaders in the battles. This is a summary on most of the Middle Battles in the Revolutionary war.

The first main battle that was crucial was Saratoga. The British general Burgoyne was attacking Saratoga, which didn't have very many men at the time. Burgoyne thought that the battle would be easy, so he didn't request reinforcements. General Benedict Arnold helped with the defenses of Saratoga, and eventually the Americans beat back the disciplined British. The battle was a huge loss for the British, who were kicking themselves at their defeat.

The second battle that was somewhat important is The Battle of the Cowpens. A ragtag band of American troops led by a rookie commander Daniel Morgan led his troops to the cowpens. The British had overwhelming numbers compared to the Americans, as well as trained troops. When the fighting broke out however, the Americans were inspired with confidence from Daniel, who managed to rout the British. Unbelievably, the Battle at the Cowpens was a victory for the Americans, so this made morale high.

The third main battle was Yorktown in Virginia, an extremely vital battle for the Americans to survive. Cornwallis the British leader was occupying the town, when French and American troops arrived. The French American forces surrounded Cornwallis and he had to surrender, allowing the Americans to win.

The final battle is the Battle of Brandywine in Pennsylvania. William Howe was scheduled to help Burgoyne, when he learned that Philadelphia was barely defended. As soon as he learned this, he went straight for Philadelphia, abandoning Burgoyne to fight the Americans. Philadelphia wasn't defended, but William still lost. Burgoyne also had to surrender because of William's attack on Philadelphia, because he had no reinforcements.

There were major Middle Battles in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New York. Most turned the tide for the Americans, and were important for their survival. Yorktown, Saratoga, the Cowpens and Brandywine were such battles. The British were overwhelmed with hubris, and underestimated the American and French forces. They paid for it with multiple losses in the Middle Battles during the Revolutionary War.