

Graphic Organizer

Americans		British
Disadvantage: Inexperienced at first	Military	Disadvantage: Hard time adjusting to different ways of fighting
Advantage: Good marksmen		Advantage: Experienced and well-trained
Disadvantage: Fighting took place over a large territory	Geography	Disadvantage: Fighting in a large territory they did not know
Advantage: Fighting on their own land so they knew the swamps, etc.		Advantage: When battles took place at sea they had the naval advantage
Disadvantage: A shortage of food and other supplies	Supplies	Disadvantage: Supplies had to come all the way from Britain
Advantage: Countries like France helped with supplies		Advantage: Britain had money for supplies
Disadvantage: Had to train a group of new officers	Leadership	Disadvantage: Difficulty in getting information from leaders in Britain
Advantage: George Washington		Advantage: Came with many trained officers
Disadvantage: States often did not contribute money for the war	Other	Disadvantage: Soldiers were fighting far from home
Advantage: Got help from soldiers from other countries like France		Advantage: Hired mercenaries to help them

Big Ideas Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 4, Unit 6

- Advantages of the British army included their wealth, their experienced army, and their excellent navy.
- Advantages of the American, or Continental, army included having George Washington as the leader, help from countries like France, and the fact that Americans were fighting for freedom on their own land.
- Disadvantages of the British included having to fight far from Britain, having to fight over a large area, and having to adjust to new ways of fighting.
- Disadvantages of the Americans included inexperienced soldiers, lack of supplies, and a small navy.

Word Cards

Word Cards from previous lessons needed for this lesson:

- Revolution – Word Card #1 from Lesson 1
- Independence – Word Card #3 from Lesson 1

20 advantage



a positive and helpful factor

Example: One advantage of the Continental Army was that it had George Washington as its leader.

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21 disadvantage



a negative factor that causes problems

Example: One disadvantage of the Continental army was that it often lacked supplies.

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Predictions

	BRITISH	AMERICANS
ADVANTAGES		
DISADVANTAGES		

Predictions – Sample Answers

	BRITISH	AMERICANS
ADVANTAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Powerful army</i>• <i>Big navy</i>• <i>Wanted to win colonies back</i>• <i>Knew how to fight</i>• <i>Had money</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fighting for freedom</i>• <i>Fighting in their own land</i>
DISADVANTAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Didn't know the land</i>• <i>Far away from Britain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Colonies argued over things</i>• <i>No real army in the beginning</i>• <i>Didn't have supplies like gunpowder</i>

George Washington

Directions: Find information in your textbook about George Washington. Summarize it on the chart below.

Things he did before the American Revolution	
Things he did during the Revolution	
Characteristics	
Accomplishments	
List any graphic features your text had relating to George Washington	

Comparing the British and the Americans: *Disadvantages*

	BRITISH	AMERICANS
DISADVANTAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used to fighting in a formal way in straight lines • Had problems adjusting to new methods of fighting like winter battles • No central city, or capital, to attack • Fighting over a large area they did not know • They were unfamiliar with the swamps and forests • Often underestimated the Continental soldiers • The distance of over 3000 miles across the Atlantic caused transportation and communication problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen soldiers • Inexperienced officers • Untrained soldiers • Few cannons and other artillery • Supplies often low including shoes, clothes, and gunpowder • Little money • Dependent on states for funds • States often did not send supplies • Not much of a navy • Far fewer soldiers in the beginning • Soldiers sometimes went home at harvest time • Soldiers only enlisted for about a year at a time

Comparing the British and the Americans: *Advantages*

	BRITISH	AMERICANS
ADVANTAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More wealth• Strong, experienced army• Well-established government• Had defeated France and Spain recently• Best navy in the world• Had many more soldiers in the beginning including 50,000 British soldiers, 30,000 Hessian mercenaries, and 30,000 loyalist troops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good wilderness fighters• Good marksmen who owned their own guns• Fighting on their own land• George Washington was a great leader• Help from other countries

Perspectives

American Soldier #1

I am a farmer who has become a soldier. I am fighting to defend my home and my land. I cannot allow the British to take over these from me. I feel the same about every other American and their land.

American Soldier #2

I have been a member of the Sons of Liberty for many years. I am fighting for my freedom and the freedom of my country. I intend to defend it against the British. We are a free country now.

British Soldier #1

I am far from home and not sure what I am fighting for here. In one way, I am fighting against my own people. I have cousins here who I may have to fight against.

British Soldier #2

There is no way this raggedy army will win against us. We are more experienced and better trained. They often are without shoes and gunpowder. We will defeat them very quickly.

Perspectives Chart

**American
Soldier #1**

**American
Soldier #2**

<p>British Soldier #1</p>	
<p>British Soldier #2</p>	

Perspectives – Sample Answers

<p>American Soldier #1</p>	<p><i>This soldier feels he is fighting to defend his own home and land. He will fight hard to do this.</i></p>
<p>American Soldier #2</p>	<p><i>This soldier is fighting for freedom. He has been involved in the struggle for Independence. He is fighting for his country which is free now.</i></p>
<p>British Soldier #1</p>	<p><i>This soldier is not sure what he is fighting for. He is feeling far from home. He is worried that he may have to fight against a relative.</i></p>

**British
Soldier #2**

This soldier is over-confident. He is making fun of the American soldiers. He thinks the British will win easily and quickly.

Assessment

Directions: Think about the following factors as well as other things you learned in this lesson. Then, list 2 advantages and 2 disadvantages for the Americans and the British.

MILITARY GEOGRAPHY SUPPLIES MONEY LEADERSHIP

	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
AMERICANS		

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BRITISH		