

## Graphic Organizer

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**Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River at night and made a surprise attack in the Battle of Trenton.**



**The British decided to try and cut off New England from the rest of the U.S.**



**The Americans had an important victory at the Battle of Saratoga.**



**Washington and his troops began a harsh winter at Valley Forge.**



**The U.S. and France signed two treaties.**



**France declared war on Britain.**

## Big Ideas Card

### Big Ideas of Lesson 6, Unit 6

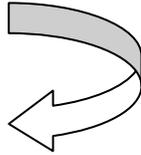
- George Washington and the Continental Army lost many battles at the beginning of the war. Most of these were fought in New England and the Middle Colonies.
- An important turning point in the war was the Battle of Saratoga, which was won by the Americans.
- As a result of the American victory at Saratoga, the French sent money, supplies, and soldiers to help the fight against the British.
- After the Battle of Saratoga, Washington and his army spent a harsh winter camped at Valley Forge.

## Word Cards

### Word Cards from previous lessons needed for this lesson:

- Revolution – Word Card #1 from Lesson 1

### 25 turning point



a single event that causes important and dramatic change

**Example:** The Battle of Saratoga was an important turning point in the American Revolution.

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### 26 treaty



a signed agreement between two countries

**Example:** Treaties were signed between the Americans and the French following the Battle of Saratoga.

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## Word Splash

**Valley  
Forge**

**General  
Burgoyne**

**Marquis de  
Lafayette**

**Baron von  
Steuben**

**General  
Washington**

**Turning  
Point**

**American  
Revolution**

**Battle of  
Trenton**

**General  
Gates**

**Battle of  
Saratoga**

**Crossing  
the  
Delaware  
River**

**Winter of  
1777-78**

**General  
Howe**

### Word Splash Pairs

**Directions: Place the Word Splash people and phrases in pairs that you think go together.**

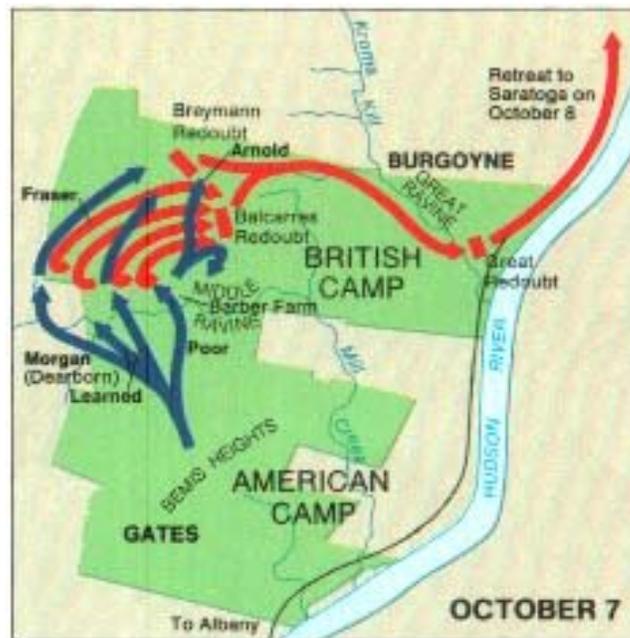
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## Illustration #1



**Source:** *Crossing the Delaware*. National Archives. 29 February 2012  
<<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/american-revolution/pictures/images/revolutionary-war-031.jpg>>.

## Maps of the Battle of Saratoga



Source: <http://www.saratoga.org/battle1777/history.html>

## Illustration #2



**Source:** <http://archives.gov/education/lessons/revolution-images/images/burgoyne-saratoga.gif>

## Illustration #3



Source: <<http://archives.gov/education/lessons/revolution-images/images/valley-forge.gif>>

## Valley Forge Primary Sources

### Source 1

#### From the Diary of Albignce Waldo, Surgeon at Valley Forge, 1777

#### December 14

I am Sick - discontented - and out of humour. Poor food - hard lodging - Cold Weather - fatigue - Nasty Cloaths - nasty Cookery - Vomit half my time - smook'd out my senses - I can't Endure it - Why are we sent here to starve and Freeze - What sweet Felicities have I left at home; A charming Wife - pretty Children - Good Beds - good food - good Cookery - all agreeable - all harmonious. Here all Confusion - smoke and Cold - hunger and filthyness - A pox on my bad luck. There comes a bowl of beef soup - full of burnt leaves and dirt, sickish - away with it Boys - I'll live like the Chameleon upon Air.

Source: <<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/D/1776-1800/war/waldo.htm>>.

### Source 2

#### George Washington to Continental Congress, December 23, 1777 (Valley Forge, Supplies) Valley Forge, December 23, 1777.

...I am now convinced, beyond a doubt, that unless some great ...change suddenly takes place ...this Army must inevitably (will) ...starve, dissolve, or disperse, in order to obtain subsistence in the best manner they can; rest assured Sir this is not an exaggerated picture, but (and) that I have abundant reason to support what I say. ...Three or four days of bad weather would prove our destruction. What then is to become of the Army this Winter?...what, if we continue to have irregular supplies all winter, what is to become of us in the Spring?

Source: [http://edsitement.neh.gov/view\\_lesson\\_plan.asp?id=527](http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=527)

### Source 3

#### The Military Journal of George Ewing

##### Page Twenty Five

From here we marched to the Valley Forge in order to take up Winter Quarters here we built huts in the following manner the huts are built in three lines each line four deep five yards asunder the huts eighteen by sixteen feet long six feet to the eves built of loggs and covered with staves the chimney in the east end the door in the South side the Officers huts in the rear of the mens twelve men in each hut and two corres of Officers in a hut.

Source: <http://www.sandcastles.net/journal2.htm>

### Source 4

#### Lieutenant WILLIAM BARTON of the Fourth and later the First New Jersey Regiment; To his father, Gilbert Barton of Allentown, N.J.

..."Camp Valley Forge, Feb. 18th 1778...I should wrote oftener but have been in expectation of Coming home but this day find my expectations blasted, and have no maner of hope to get home Untill April...I have Received my Coat & boots by Capt. Weycoff and am Inform'd you have procured me some shirts which I am Extremely Glad of as I shall be in Great need of them in a short time. I'me at this Present time in health, and hope these may find you all in Perfect health, if to the reverse at any time Please to give me inteligence Thireof and I shall come home at all Events. I have not Receiv'd a Letter from you since at home, should be very Glad to be favour'd with a few lines if Convenient and Likewise a few pounds of Sugar and A little Chocolate...there is a Scarcety of those articles in this Place...Camp does not very well agree with me..."

Source: <http://www.americanrevolution.org/vlyfrgeltrs.html>

### Valley Forge Primary Sources Chart

Source	What does it tell us about the winter at Valley Forge?
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	

### Valley Forge Primary Sources Chart- *Sample Answers*

Source	What does it tell us about the winter at Valley Forge?
#1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The food was terrible</li><li>• It was cold</li><li>• People got sick</li><li>• There was a lot of confusion</li><li>• Soldiers missed their families</li></ul>
#2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• George Washington was afraid his soldiers would starve at Valley Forge</li><li>• He was afraid of what might happen to his army if there was more bad weather</li><li>• Supplies were irregular and he was afraid they might his army might not make it to spring</li></ul>
#3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They had built log huts at Valley Forge</li><li>• There were over 12 men in each hut</li></ul>
#4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Families sometimes sent things like boots and coats to soldiers</li><li>• Soldiers sometimes ask families to send things like sugar and chocolate</li><li>• Sometimes soldiers did not hear from their families for a long time</li></ul>

### Word Splash Assessment

<b>Pair</b>	<b>Why do they belong together?</b>

### Word Splash Assessment – Sample Answers

<b>Pair</b>	<b>Why do they belong together?</b>
<i>Battle of Saratoga</i> <i>Turning Point</i>	<i>The Battle of Saratoga was considered a major turning point in the American Revolution. After the Americans won the battle, France decided to sign a treaty of alliance with the Americans.</i>
<i>Valley Forge</i> <i>Winter of 1777-78</i>	<i>Washington's army camped at Valley Forge beginning in December of 1777 and through winter of 1778.</i>
<i>General Burgoyne</i> <i>General Howe</i>	<i>Both of these men were British generals.</i>
<i>General Gates</i> <i>General Washington</i>	<i>Both of these men were American generals.</i>
<i>Crossing the Delaware River</i> <i>Battle of Trenton</i>	<i>The Battle of Trenton took place after Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River at night.</i>
<i>Baron von Steuben</i> <i>Marquis de Lafayette</i>	<i>These were two Europeans who came to help the Americans.</i>

## EVENT CARDS

<p>Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River at night and made a surprise attack in the Battle of Trenton.</p>	<p>The British decided to try and cut off New England from the rest of the U.S.</p>
<p>The Americans had an important victory at the Battle of Saratoga.</p>	<p>Washington and his army retreated west from the New York City area.</p>
<p>The colonies declared independence from Britain.</p>	<p>Washington and his troops began a harsh winter at Valley Forge.</p>
<p>The U.S. and France signed two treaties.</p>	<p>France declared war on Britain.</p>