

Great Revolutions

Week Two

American Revolution Timeline

- 1772 – Committees of Correspondence organized by Samuel Adams
- 1774 – First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia
- 1775 – Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia
- 1776 – Drafting and passage of *Declaration of Independence*
Publication of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*
New Hampshire ratifies first State Constitution
- 1777 – Articles of Confederation adopted by Continental Congress
- 1781 – Ratification of Articles of Confederation by all 13 States
- 1783 – *Treaty of Paris* – Recognition of the United States of America
- 1787 – Convening of Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia
- 1789 – Enactment of U.S. Constitution; election of first President
- 1791 – Enactment of the first 10 Amendments – the Bill of Rights:
- 1) Freedom of Religion
 - 2) Right to bear arms
 - 3) No quartering troops
 - 4) Warrants for searches
 - 5) Due Process
 - 6) Right to trial by jury
 - 7) Right to jury in civil cases
 - 8) No cruel and unusual punishments
 - 9) Non-enumerated rights
 - 10) Powers reserved to States