Chapter 6
American Revolution Recap

Objectives
1. What was the Continental Army made of and what Battles led to allies for the United States
2. Identify the Battle that signaled an end to the American Revolution
3. Define the three items the British promised and the two items the United States promised
4. Describe the two problems with the army after the war was over.
5. Give four reasons the United States won the American Revolution

XXI. The Continental Army
   A. Was made of volunteers
   B. Led by George Washington

XXII. Battles of the American Revolution that led to Allies
   A. Battle of Saratoga
      1. First major win for Americans
      2. British were aware of guerilla warfare
   B. Valley Forge
      1. Washington stayed here during the winter of 1778
      2. The Americans were starting to lose volunteers
      3. Washington appealed to their nationalism
      4. This actually attracted more volunteers
      5. This also attracted allies
   C. Between Saratoga and Valley Forge the US attracts allies
      1. France
         a. They are the enemies of England
         b. See US has a chance to defeat England
      2. Spain
         a. Join in 1779
         b. Are allies with France
         c. Want to see England defeated
   D. This led to a military leader from France
      1. Marquis de Lafayette
         a. Was attracted by the ideas in the Declaration of Independence
         b. Became an aide to George Washington

XXIII. Battle of Yorktown (1781)
   A. This was seen as the turning point of the war
   B. Washington was planning to attack New York
   C. However French ships went to Chesapeake Bay near the Virginia and North Carolina border
   D. The Americans captured a large British force
   E. This essentially ended the war
XIV. The Aftermath of the war
   A. The US and British signed the Treaty of Paris (1783)
      1. British promised
         a. To recognize the US a nation
         b. That they would withdraw troops
         c. US could fish in Canadian waters
      2. US Promised
         a. To pay debts owed British Merchants
         b. That loyalist property would be returned
   B. Trouble with the Army
      1. Congress did not fund soldier pensions or pay
         a. Soldiers demanded they be paid or take over the government
         b. Washington asked them to be patriotic
         c. And to be patient
         d. Washington pleaded with Congress to pay the soldiers to ensure the nation would survive
      2. Washington resigns from the Army
         a. After the soldier revolt Washington wanted to make sure the nation was run by citizens not the army
         b. He knew that in the past generals had tried to take over the government
         c. When he retires he puts to rest the threat of the army

XV. Why the US won the American Revolution
   A. The war was fought on our terrain
   B. The US used guerilla warfare
      1. Would ambush British
      2. British fought in straight lines
   C. US got help from foreign nations
      1. The British were the most powerful nation in the world
      2. This made them have a lot of enemies
         a. France b. Spain
   D. Americans were fighting for their freedom and natural rights