

School to Home Newsletter

Books to Read

Remember Valley Forge: Patriots, Tories, and Redcoats Tell Their Stories by Thomas B. Allen; National Geographic Children's Books, 2015.

Sleds on Boston Common: A Story from the American Revolution by Louise Borden, illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker; Simon & Schuster, 2000.

Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of an American Feud by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain; Dutton Children's Books, 2011.

Content to Learn

During the next several classes your child will learn about the issues and events of the Revolutionary War. Here are some of the topics we will discuss:

- causes of the war
- important events, battles, and leaders
- the war's aftermath.

Activities to Try

- Help your child understand the problems facing colonists at the time of the Revolutionary War. Speculate why some people (Patriots) wanted to fight for independence, while others (Loyalists) sided with the British. Discuss the implications of choosing sides for Native Americans and enslaved people.
- Research reenactments of the American Revolution. Discuss the roles of reenactors and how they prepare. If possible, watch a reenactment on video or in person.

Ideas to Discuss

- What does freedom mean to you?
- How did the thirteen colonies form a single country?
- Which leader from the era do you most admire? Why?