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The Age of Revolutions



Learning Objectives

To acquire knowledge of

I The American War of Independence

- The foundation of colonies by European powers in America and the later amalgamation and formation of 13 colonies under Britain
- Factors leading to the conflict between the colonies and England
- The opposition of the colonies to 'Taxation without Representation' leading to American War of Independence
- The course and outcome of the American War of Independence
- The American Revolution and the idea of democracy in the modern world



II The French Revolution

- The causes for the outbreak of French Revolution, political, social, economic and intellectual
- Circumstances leading to the convening of Estates General and the defiance of Third Estate to the orders of the French Monarch Louis XVI
- The Tennis Court Oath and Fall of Bastille resulting in the overthrow of monarchy and establishment of National Assembly
- The National Assembly and the conspiracy of the dethroned king with other European powers to crush the revolution, leading to invasion of France by Austria and Prussia