

ALL-IN-ONE!

American Revolution Middle School Teacher Instructions and Reproducible Activity

This activity includes two reproducible cause and effect graphic organizers made up of British flags and American flags rather than bubbles. Students will fill in the flags with appropriate causes and effects, and color the flags accordingly. The organizers can then be displayed on the bulletin board.

Supplies needed: pencil/pen, markers, colored pencils, textbooks, notes, and any other reference materials available

1. Begin the activity by first discussing cause and effect. Use examples such as, “If I turned out the lights, what would happen?” The students should answer, “The room will darken/get dark.” Then ask, “Which is the cause and which is the effect?” If necessary, use a few more examples, or have the students share their own examples.
2. Next, explain to the students that cause and effect can be used to examine events leading up to and during the American Revolution. Use the war itself as an example. Ask the students what led to the Revolutionary War. Some might give “taxation without representation” as an example. If so, use this as the cause and the war itself as the effect.
3. Hand out the worksheets, explaining to students that they are to write an American “cause” (action) on the American flags if they are under the “CAUSE” section and they are to write the British “effect” (reaction) on the British flags if they are under the “EFFECT” section. If the British flag is under the “CAUSE” section, then they are to write a British “cause” (action) on the flag and then write the American “effect” (reaction) on the American flag following it. Give an example, such as:

American flag----ARROW----British flag

This shows actions that Americans took (cause) and the reaction of the British (effect). For example:
Cornwallis surrounded----ARROW----British surrender at Yorktown

British flag----ARROW----American flag

This shows actions that Great Britain took (cause) and the reaction of Americans (effect). For example:
Tea Act passed----ARROW----Boston Tea Party





