



Road to Independence Timeline

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

My level: ☐ Explorer ☐ Investigator ☐ Legend

Mission: The archive's timeline fell apart! Rebuild the road to independence in order, using cause and effect to reason about what came first. Then connect five cause-and-effect links.

Big question: How did one event lead to the next on the road to independence?

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Warm-up: Which came first?

Reason out the order.

Boston Tea Party or Intolerable Acts?

Yorktown or Treaty of Paris?

Key vocabulary	
Chronological	In time order.
Cause	Why something happens.
Effect	What happens as a result.
Treaty	A formal agreement between nations.

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Box 1

Build the timeline

In the simulator: Put all 10 events in order.

What did you notice?

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Box 2

Record dates

Record the year of each event.

Event	Year
Stamp Act	
Declaration of Independence	
Treaty of Paris	

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Box 3

Connect causes and effects

In the simulator: Find all 5 cause-and-effect links.

What did you notice?

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Box 4

Before independence

Why is it a misconception that the war started with the Declaration of Independence?

- ☐ Fighting began at Lexington and Concord in 1775, a year earlier ☐ The war never started
☐ The Declaration came after Yorktown

How long?

How many years passed between the Stamp Act and the Treaty of Paris?

Answer: _____ years

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The most important link

Which cause-and-effect link was most important to American independence?

The link

Why it mattered Start: "This link mattered because..."

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Legend: a missing event Legend only

Name an event from 1763–1783 that is NOT on this timeline and explain where it would go and what it caused.



Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How did one event lead to the next on the road to independence?

Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.