

## Course details

### Course title

History: American War of Independence

### Course code

Q00016045

### Course date

Start: 10/09/24

End: 22/10/24

### Number of classes

7 sessions

### Timetable

Tue 10th Sep, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 17th Sep, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 24th Sep, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 1st Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 8th Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 15th Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 22nd Oct, 10:30 to 12:30

### Branch

Nottingham Branch

### Tutor

Mark Barnard

### Fee range

Free to £58.80

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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In venue

## Venue

Nottingham Mechanics (Nottingham)  
3 North Sherwood Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 4EZ

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

Knavery seems to be so much the striking feature of its inhabitants that it may not in the end be an evil that they will become aliens to this kingdom,' declared King George III of Britain. Britain's ministers - particularly George III - have often been blamed for the loss of the thirteen American colonies. But how fair is this or was France primarily responsible for American independence? Covering the main causes and most important clashes of the conflict, the course reviews how the war developed, its controversies and the immediate consequences for America, Britain and France

## Course description

As General Cornwallis and his British redcoats surrendered to the American colonists at Yorktown on 19th October 1781, British bands played the popular tune 'The World Turned Upside Down.' The ideals enshrined within the 1776 Declaration of Independence have served as hope, inspiration – and disappointment - for millions since. But how did such a significant event occur and who were those responsible? Why did France and the native American Indians become actively involved? What happened at Bunker Hill - one of the War's most famous but least understood battles? Why were Lexington and Concord important? From the War's first shots at Lexington and Concord to the British surrender at Yorktown, we will explore the most important battles that made the United States... The course also discusses whether Britain could have prevented the breaking away of the colonies. Could Britain have won? Was George III really a tyrannical ruler as the Americans often portrayed him? Beginning with the colonists' complaints against Britain and the Boston Tea Party, the course traces why the differences proved irreconcilable, the key battles and concludes by asking, how much did the world really 'turn upside

down' for the British as consequence of the conflict.d

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## **What other support is available?**

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