



Spies of the American Revolution **Alignment with 5th Grade Educational Standards**

In this unit, students play as Deborah, a tailoress in revolutionary-era New York City. With the British occupying New York from 1776 until 1783, patriot spies were essential to the American cause. Deborah uses her craft to design disguises, gain access to well-informed clients, and keep secret messages for George Washington, making her the ideal patriot spy. Throughout the course of the game--which tells the broader history of the Revolutionary War through the lens of spying in New York City--Deborah meets a motley assortment of patriot troops and witnesses their transformation into a professional army, sees the evolution of spycraft, and becomes well-acquainted with British, loyalist, and patriot perspectives on the war.

Topics Covered

- Colonial New England
 - Commerce and economics
- The American Revolution (1775--1783), including
 - The patriots and their grievances against the British
 - The patriot army and its challenges
 - The use of media to spread news and protest the British
 - Key battles and their outcomes
- Differing Perspectives on the American Revolution
- Spycraft, including
 - The role of women
 - Economy of information
 - The importance of codes to send information

National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies (Early Grades)

1. Culture
2. Time, Continuity, and Change
4. Individual Development and Identity
5. Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
6. Power, Authority, and Governance
10. Civic Practices and Ideals



California History-Social Science Framework

Settling the Colonies

- Daily life and work in the colonies
- Commerce in the colonies

The Road to War

- Reasons the colonists rebelled against Great Britain
- The patriots and their grievances

The American Revolution

- The start of the Revolution
- Who fought in battles, and how that impacted their outcome
- The importance of women, Natives, and free blacks in the war

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies

2. Conflict between the colonies and Great Britain led to the American Revolution (History)
9. Adaptation and Modification of the Environment (Geography)
11. Free Enterprise System (Economics)
12. Supply and Demand in a Free Enterprise System (Economics)
13. Patterns of Work and Economic Activities (Economics)
14. Organization of Governments in Colonial America (Government)
17. Symbols, Customs, Celebrations, and Landmarks that represent American Beliefs and Principles (Citizenship)
18. Importance of Individual Participation in the Democratic Process (Citizenship)
22. Contributions of People of Various Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Groups (Culture)
24. Application of critical thinking skills to organize and use information gathered from differing sources (Social Studies Skills)
26. Problem-Solving and Decision-Making (Social Studies Skills)