

From War to Revolution



In popular memory, the colonies' military history began with the American Revolution—but the colonies actually fought part of a global war earlier in the 18th century. The French and Indian War, a territorial conflict in the larger Seven Years' War, involved a number of individuals who would take part in the Revolution. Are the following true or false?

1. Benjamin Franklin's famous "Join, or Die" political cartoon, pictured right, advocated the union of the colonies to revolt against the British.

- True
 False



2. In 1753, Lieutenant Colonel George Washington requested that the French leave the Ohio Valley area, which they had occupied.

- True False

3. British military officer Jeffrey Amherst, who captured several key French locations in the French and Indian War, would later serve on the colonial side in the Revolutionary War.

- True False

4. Benedict Arnold, famous American Revolution traitor, led British forces in several battles in the French and Indian War.

- True False



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