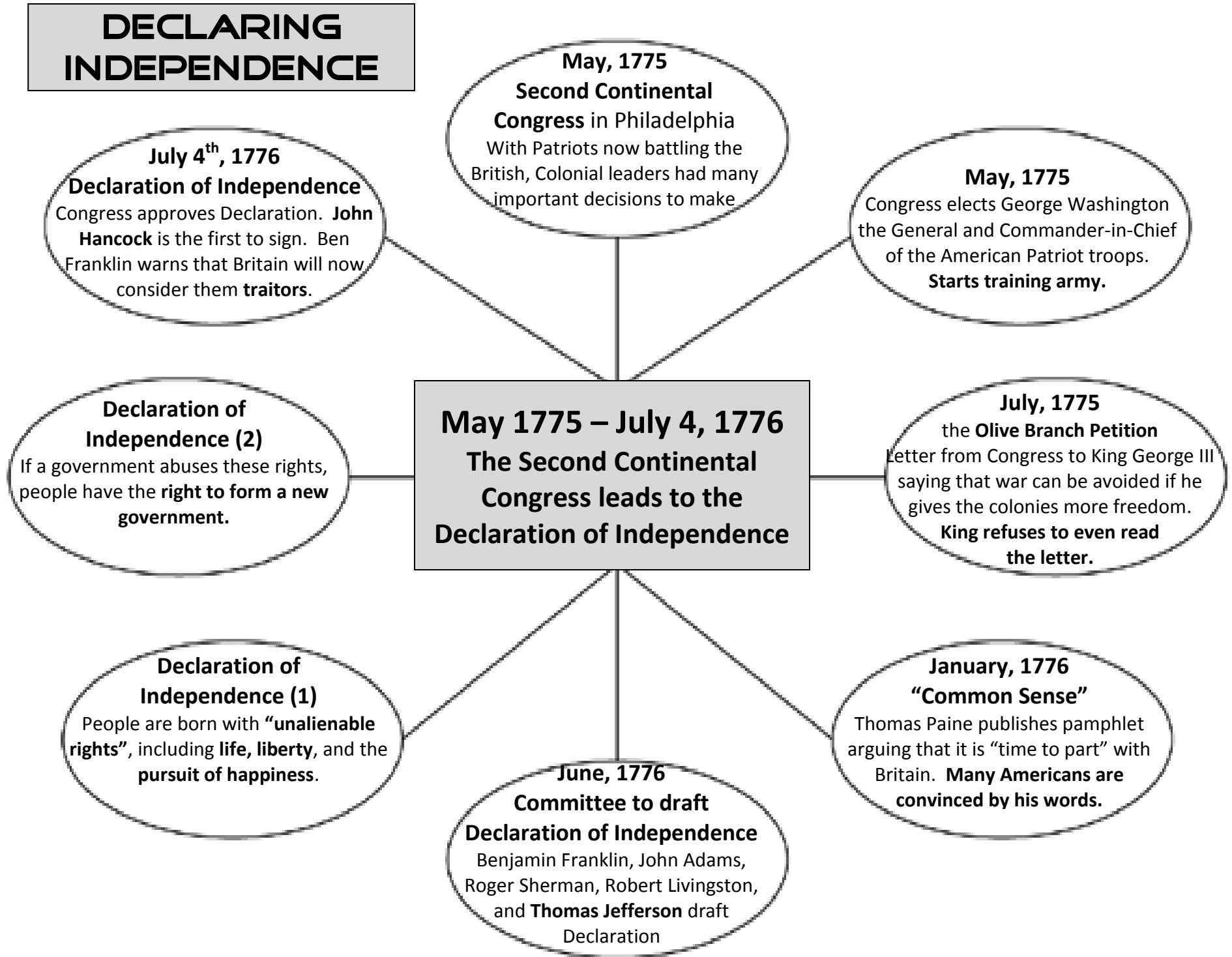


DECLARING INDEPENDENCE



PATRIOTS AT WAR

May, 1775

Fort Ticonderoga

Ethan Allen and the **Green Mountain Boys** capture the fort and cannons. Washington uses the cannons to take Boston.

Winter, 1777-78

Valley Forge

- Washington retreats from Philadelphia to Valley Forge for the winter
- army is very low on supplies
- 2500 men die of hunger, cold and disease

1776

Americans suffer defeats in New York City. Nathan Hale hanged as a spy –
"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"

Women in the Revolution

- women collected food, money, and made clothes for the Continental Army.
- some helped out on the battlefield, even fighting disguised as men
- others used their pens

May 1775 – Spring, 1778
Defeats, Victories, a Turning Point, African Americans, Women, and Valley Forge

December, 1776

Washington crosses the Delaware
On Christmas Day, Washington's troops cross the Delaware River in the dark and surprise 1000 British Hessian mercenaries.

African Americans

- British offer freedom to slaves who fight for them – 1000's serve.
- 5000 African Americans fight for the American Continental Army.

Sept-Oct, 1777

Battle of Saratoga

7000 British soldiers under John Burgoyne are defeated by Patriot army under Benedict Arnold. In 1780, Arnold betrays the Americans

February, 1778

France agrees to help

Based on the American success in the Battle of Saratoga, Benjamin Franklin convinces France to agree to help the Americans.

THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Feb, 1778

France joins the War

The French agreed to send ships, soldiers, and money to help in the American war effort. **Lafayette** joins Washington's staff

Victory!

-surrounded, the British under **Cornwallis** surrender Oct 19, 1781
- Britain recognizes the USA as an independent nation in the **Treaty of Paris** signed in 1783

1775-1799

Illinois & Ohio River Valley

To secure the West, Virginian forces occupied British outposts and captured officers in Cahokia, Kaskaskia, and Fort Vincennes.

1781

- tired of running around chasing Nathaneal Greene in the South, the British head north to **Yorktown, Va**
-Washington moves his army south to join Greene, French navy blocks Yorktown by sea

Spring, 1778 - 1783
With help from France and Spain, the Continental Army won the American Revolution

Winter, 1778-79

British capture Savannah, Georgia and decide to focus on the Southern Colonies, where they believe they have more support.

Oct 7, 1780

The Battle of Kings Mountain

Overmountain men from East TN joined with Patriots from NC to defeat British, who had threatened their leaders and their land.

Sept, 1779

"I have not yet begun to fight!"
John Paul Jones and the American navy attack British ships as far away as the coast of Britain.

1780

Southern Patriots fight the British with small groups that attack suddenly and disappear. **Francis Marion**, "**The Swamp Fox**", uses guerrilla tactics he learned in the French and Indian War.

Famous Last Words: An aggravated Major Patrick Ferguson sent a message to the elusive Overmountain Men: "If you do not desist your opposition to the British Arms, I shall march this army over the mountains, hang your leaders, and lay waste your country with fire and sword."

THE OVERMOUNTAIN MEN & THE STATE OF FRANKLIN

1738-1822

**Nanye-hi (Nancy Ward)
Cherokee "Beloved Woman"**

- led the Cherokees to victory against Creeks when her husband died
- warned settlers of attack, spared prisoners

1784-1789

State of Franklin

- NC cedes western land to Congress
- settlers meet and declare an independent State of Franklin under John Sevier
- John Tipton leads anti-Franklin group which wants to be part of NC
- 1789 rejoin NC

1769

Settlers Arrive from VA

In violation of the Proclamation of 1763, colonists hunted and traded
-William & Lidia Bean settle along Boone's Creek in 1769

1780

Battle of Kings Mountain

- British threaten homes and families of settlers over the Appalachians
- 1000 militia men cross the mountains
- 1800 by the time they catch the British at Kings Mountain

1769-1789

Colonists cross the Appalachians and settle permanently in East Tennessee

1771

Settlers Arrive from NC

Settlers from North Carolina arrive in Boone's Creek and also start communities in Carter's Valley, Nolichucky and Holsten.

John Sevier

1776 Lt. Col. NC militia
1780 – mustered Overmountain Men for the Battle of Kings Mountain
1784 – Governor of State of Franklin
1796 – Governor of new state of Tennessee

1772-1778

The Watauga Association

Settlers on the Watauga River leased land from the Cherokee and organized the region democratically with a constitution, government, courts, and militia.

1776

Fort Caswell (Fort Watauga)

- Built at Sycamore Shoals to defend settlers from Cherokee attacks.
- Nancy Ward warned of an attack - John Sevier led the settlers and withstood a 2-week siege