

George Washington and Benedict Arnold: A Tale of Two Patriots

George Washington and Benedict Arnold were two of the most prominent figures in the American Revolutionary War. Washington, of course, went on to become the first president of the United States, while Arnold became a traitor and fought against his former countrymen. But their paths crossed in many ways during the war, and their stories are intertwined.

Early Lives

George Washington was born in Virginia in 1732. He was the son of a wealthy planter and received a good education. Arnold was born in Connecticut in 1741. He was the son of a merchant and also received a good education. Both men were ambitious and had a strong sense of duty.

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Washington began his military career in the French and Indian War. Arnold also served in the French and Indian War, but he did not see as much action as Washington. However, both men gained valuable experience during the war.

The American Revolution

When the American Revolution began in 1775, Washington was appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Arnold was also appointed a general in the Continental Army. Both men played important roles in the war.

Washington's most famous victory was the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. This victory effectively ended the war and led to the independence of the United States. Arnold also played a key role in the Battle of



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