

Setting the Stage

Reading Strategy: Sequencing Events

Like a road map guiding a driver on a car trip, a time line can help you chart your course as you journey back in history. A time line gives you a sense of direction by organizing the **sequence**, or time order, of events.

Imagine your destination is the American Revolution. As you read the chapter, track the major battles and events of the war on the time line below. Review your completed time line to picture the action that occurred from 1776 to 1783.

1776	1778	1780	1783				
1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783
	1777	1779	1781				

Discussion Questions

1. What hardships were endured by American soldiers beginning in late 1777? How do you picture this situation?
2. When did France become America's ally? What was one outcome of this alliance?
3. In what year did British forces move south? What three important battles did the British win there?