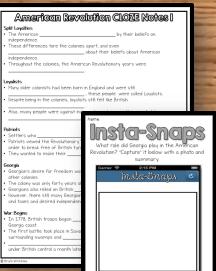
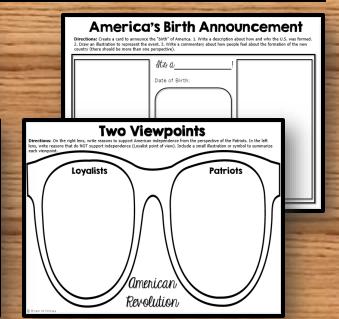
## Georgia's Role in the AMERICAN

#### REVOLUTION

Presentation, Graphic Organizers, & Activities



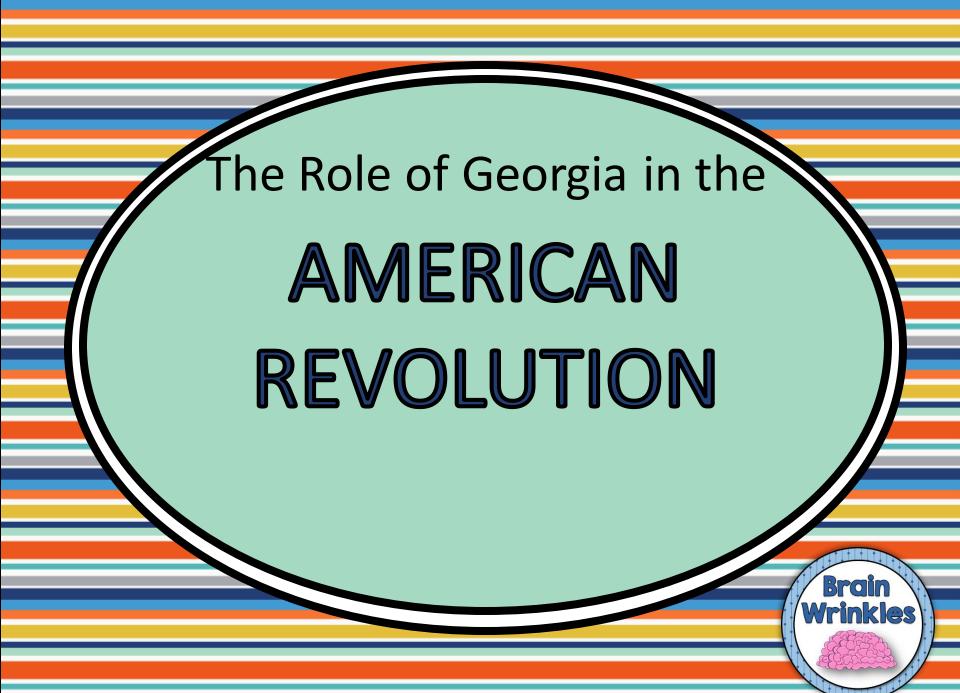




#### **STANDARDS:**

#### SS8H3 Analyze the role of Georgia in the American Revolutionary Era.

c. Analyze the significance of the Loyalists and Patriots as a part of Georgia's role in the Revolutionary War; include the Battle of Kettle Creek and Siege of Savannah.



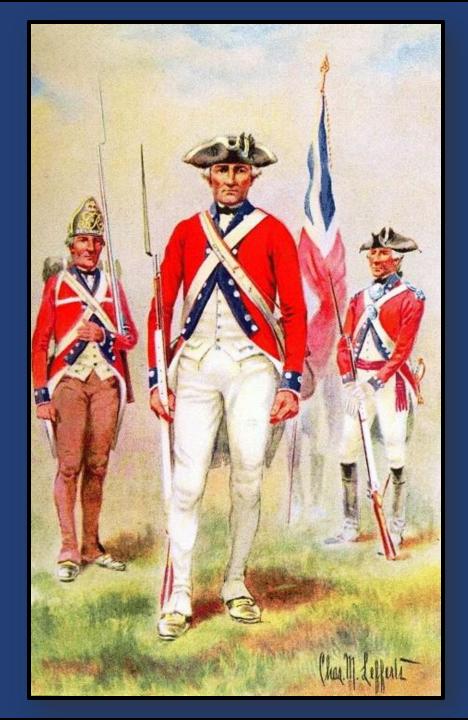
#### **Split Loyalties**

- The American colonists were split by their beliefs on independence.
- These differences tore the colonies apart, and families were divided about their beliefs about American independence.
- Throughout the colonies, the American
   Revolutionary years were violent and bloody.



## Loyalists

- Many older colonists had been born in England and were still loyal to the mother country; these people were called Loyalists.
- Despite being in the colonies, loyalists still felt like British subjects of the king.
- Also, many people were against independence because they wanted to protect their economic interests.



#### Patriots

- Settlers who supported independence were called Patriots.
- Patriots viewed the Revolutionary War as a necessary fight in order to break free of British tyranny.
- They wanted to make their own rules and laws.

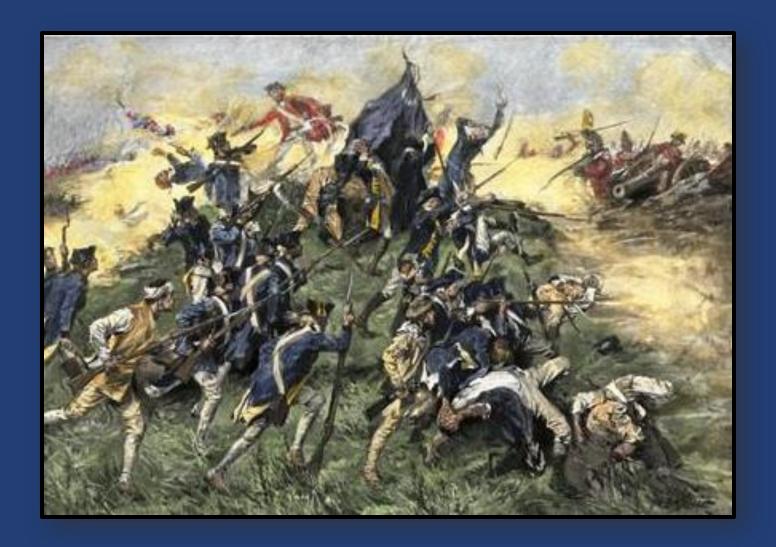


### Georgia

- Georgian's desire for freedom was not as strong as in the other colonies.
- The colony was only forty years old and had prospered under the king's rule.
- Georgians also relied on British protection from American Indians.
- However, there still many Georgians who were unhappy with England's laws and taxes and desired independence.

## War Begins

- In 1778, British troops began moving inland from the Georgia coast.
- The first battle took place in Savannah when the British forces snuck through surrounding swamps and attacked the Patriot garrison.
- Savannah fell to the British on December 29, 1778, and Augusta came under British control a month later.



#### Reinforcements

- In February 1779, the British commander in Augusta called for more soldiers in order to capture the rest of the colony.
- Colonel James Boyd responded and led nearly 700 British soldiers towards Augusta.
- The group stopped to camp at Kettle Creek (in Washington, Georgia today).

#### Kettle Creek

- A Patriot militia led by Elijah Clarke and John Dooly surprise attacked the soldiers.
- Clarke and Dooly led their troops across
  Kettle Creek and surrounded the camp,
  while a third group attacked head on.
- Only 250 British soldiers escaped.



Colonel
Elijah Clarke –
Clarke County was
named in his honor.

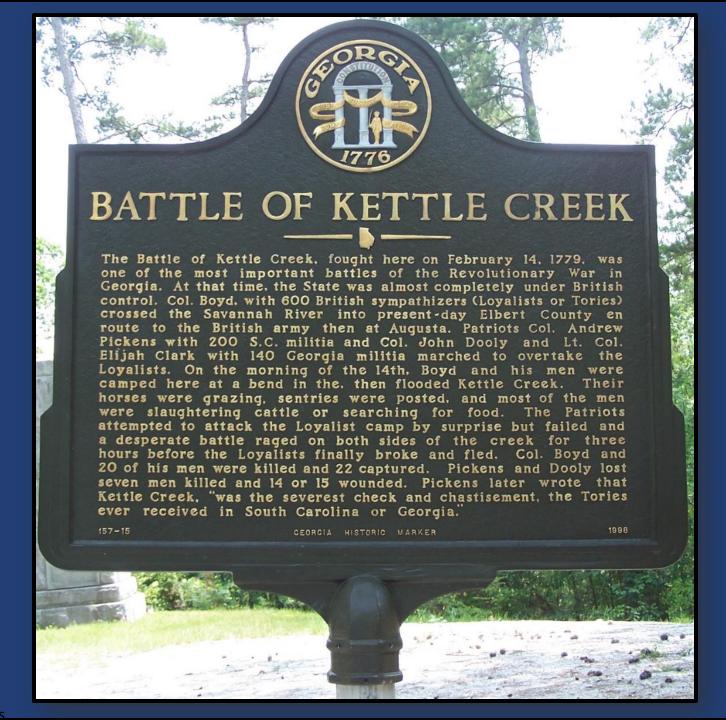


#### Kettle Creek

 The surprise attack caused the British to withdraw from Augusta temporarily.

The Battle of Kettle Creek broke the British stronghold in Georgia.

• It led to a Patriot victory and boosted the morale of Georgia's Patriots.



# Siege of Savannah

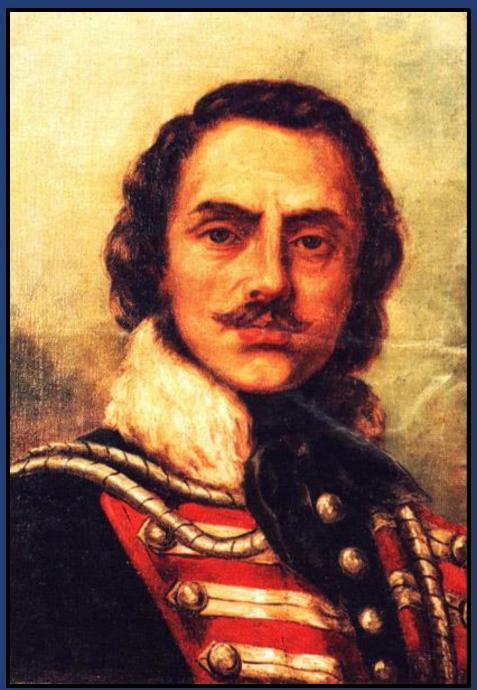
- On October 9 1779, the second bloodiest battle of the American Revolution occurred in Savannah.
- A joint force of French and patriot troops attacked Savannah and attempted to regain control of the city from the British.



# Siege of Savannah

- The battle itself, known as the Siege of Savannah, lasted only 90 minutes, but thousands of French and American soldiers were killed.
- This attack was a dismal failure and Savannah remained under British control until 1782.





Count Casimir Pulaski, a famous Polish soldier who had come to America to fight for freedom, died in a cavalry charge during the battle. Pulaski County was named for him.

#### Victories

- After the defeat in Savannah, Georgia saw many more battles between Patriots and Loyalists.
- Fortunately, the American Revolution finally began to swing in favor of the Patriots.
- In 1781, the Patriots recaptured Augusta.
- The following year, the British withdrew from Savannah.



### Independence

The Treaty of Paris 1783 granted America independence from England.

The United States of America was officially created.



1. Who were the Loyalists?

2. Write a statement about the American Revolution from a Loyalist's perspective.

3. Who were the Patriots?

4. Write a statement about the American Revolution from a Patriot's perspective.

5. Why was the desire for independence in Georgia not as strong as in other colonies?

6. Describe the battle of Kettle Creek.

7. Describe the Siege of Savannah.

8. Which battle broke the British stronghold in Georgia?

9. Which battle was a defeat for the Patriots?

10. What was the result of the Treaty of Paris 1783?

## American Revolution Comprehension Check