

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A FILM BY KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT



Thank you for your interest in showing a screening of the new PBS documentary, “The American Revolution.” KSPS PBS is excited to partner with local organizations and educators on film engagement and other civic activities as we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s independence.

About the Film

“The American Revolution” examines how America’s founding turned the world upside-down. Thirteen British colonies on the Atlantic Coast rose in rebellion, won their independence, and established a new form of government that radically reshaped the continent and inspired centuries of democratic movements around the globe. Experience the virtues and contradictions of the war through the memories of nearly 200 historical figures from a variety of backgrounds.

The film was directed and produced by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, written by Geoffrey C. Ward, and narrated by Peter Coyote. The complete six-part documentary is available to stream on PBS Passport.

Host a Screening

To host a screening of “The American Revolution,” visit [The American Revolution Engagement Resource Center](#) website to view the available screening reels and submit a request for your organization. The Resource Center also includes activity sheets, discussion questions, and more to help you host an engaging event.

As your local PBS station, KSPS PBS has also provided resources in this kit to help make your event a success. You will find:

- ✓ Link to the American Revolution Engagement Resource Center
- ✓ Promotional and script copy
- ✓ Edit-ready promotional flyer
- ✓ Pocket U.S. Constitutions
- ✓ “The American Revolution” Bookmarks
- ✓ Other programs you might be interested in from KSPS PBS

For Educators: Media-Rich Teaching Resources

Bring “The American Revolution” to life for your students with dozens of classroom resources from PBS Learning Media and Ken Burns in the Classroom. Teachers can find images, videos, and interactive lessons for grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Topics include:

- Life in the British Colonies
- Causes of the American Revolution
- Key Events of the Revolutionary Era
- Key Figures and Ideas of the Revolutionary Era
- Consequences and Legacies of the Revolutionary Era

Explore “The American Revolution” collection and other social studies resource collections at pbslearningmedia.org.