



Student Activity

New Jersey & the Revolutionary War

Drive Thru History/American History

Vocabulary:

Hessians, earthworks, Battle of Trenton, Battle of Princeton, George Washington

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

What is the meaning of the phrase, "crossing the Rubicon"? What famous military leader crossed the Rubicon?

Where did George Washington meet his Rubicon? Where did he cross the Delaware River to confront Hessian troops?

What epithet is written on the American quarter commemorating a renowned historic event in the history of New Jersey?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

This episode tells of several decisions General Washington made that were key to the Continental army's ultimate success in the Revolutionary War. What were these decisions? Which decision did you find most illuminating of Washington's character and/or his military genius?

What were conditions like in the two winters that Washington and his troops spent at Morristown?

What evidence is there that women were equally inspired with the revolutionary spirit? Do you think that the revolutionary spirit still exists in America today? What examples come to mind?

Further Activities:

Further investigate the lives of women of all social classes who lived during the Revolutionary War.

Report on the logistics involved in getting the Continental Army across the Delaware to Trenton, New Jersey.

Research the biography of the Revolutionary War general or colonel who interests you the most. Discover the personal qualities that made this person an outstanding or not so outstanding military leader.