



Student Activity

New York & the Revolutionary War **Drive Thru History/American History**

Vocabulary:

mercenaries, Hessians, portico, crypt

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

If you could visit New York City, what tourist spots would you visit?

What historical sites in New York City would you also visit?

Which historical sites in New York City and Long Island are associated with George Washington and the Revolutionary War?

Name the other generals who were involved with battles that took place in New York City and Long Island.

Post-Viewing Discussion:

What does the Shrine to Liberty, located on Long Island, commemorate? How did Washington save the lives of many Americans who took part in this battle?

How were German mercenaries procured to augment the British troops? What eventually happened to these soldiers?

What were conditions like in the Hessian huts and on prison ships? Why did so many soldiers die in these places?

After the defeat at Fort Washington, what battle renewed the spirits of Washington's soldiers? Were the Americans overwhelmingly successful in this battle?

Further Activities:

Find other examples of epithets on shrines, statues, and gravestones that attest to the spirit of Americans who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Review the progress of troop movement at the Battle on Long Island or the defeat at Fort Washington.

Further investigate the history and biographies of German mercenaries sent to augment the British army during the Revolutionary War.