

# Revolutions Comparison Project

## Introduction

The period from 1776 to 1830 was a time of dramatic change in western Europe and the Americas. There was a series of revolutions and independence movements in which many of the ideas of the Enlightenment were realized. These movements brought about a whole variety of outcomes in their respective regions.

## Revolutions

You will be assigned one of the following combinations

1. American Revolution and French Revolution
2. Haitian Revolution and Latin American Revolutions
3. American Revolution and Haitian Revolution
4. French Revolution and Latin American Revolutions
5. American Revolution and Latin American Revolutions
6. French Revolution and Haitian Revolution



## Instructions

Part 1: You and your group will educate the class about the ways that two revolutions compare to each other. Your job is to teach the class using a poster, so you must use documents, images, charts and/ or maps to teach the class everything they need to know about how the two revolutions compare to each other. You must clearly show the connections between the two revolutions as well as the differences. You must also discuss the impact of the revolutions. You may include important people, concepts, and/or events to help make your comparisons. Everyone in the group must participate.

Part 2: Draw a horizontal line across the poster. Label the far left: "Little to No Change Overall." Label the far right: "Extremely Revolutionary." As a group place each of the following on the above spectrum and give 2-3 reasons why your group placed it there:

- a. The American Revolution
- b. The French Revolution
- c. The Haitian Revolution
- d. The Revolutions in Latin America

Part 3: Answer the following questions on the poster regarding your group's two revolutions:

- a. What common themes or ideologies were present in both of these revolutions?
- b. In your opinion. Were these revolutions revolutionary enough?
- c. How did the benefits of the revolution outweigh the drawbacks?
- d. Which revolution held truest to its cries for egalitarianism (equality)?
- e. Which revolution was MOST revolutionary and why?
- f. You are an up-and-coming freedom fighter in a region with an oppressive government. Pick one lesson you have learned from each of your revolutions that will help your fellow insurgents (something they did right) AND one lesson you learned from each revolution that helped you determine what NOT to do (something they did wrong)

# Rubric

PARTS	25 Points	20 Points	15 Points	<10 Points
Part #1: Comparison on Poster	Fully complete and high level of effort shown	Complete but lacks some detail or is too brief	Partially complete and missing several components	More than half of assignment is not complete
Part #2: Change of No Change Line on Poster	Fully complete and high level of effort shown	Complete but lacks some detail or is too brief	Partially complete and missing several components	More than half of assignment is not complete
Part #3: Reflection Questions of Poster	Fully complete and high level of effort shown	Complete but lacks some detail or is too brief	Partially complete and missing several components	More than half of assignment is not complete
Group Class Presentation	All group members participated in presenting the poster and showed a strong grasp over the content. Presentation was organized, informative, and engaging.	All group members participated in presenting the poster and showed a good grasp over the content.	All group members participated in present the poster, but overall presentation may have lacked some details/ substance.	Group presentation was not complete, disorganized, and not all members participated.

## Previous Project Examples

