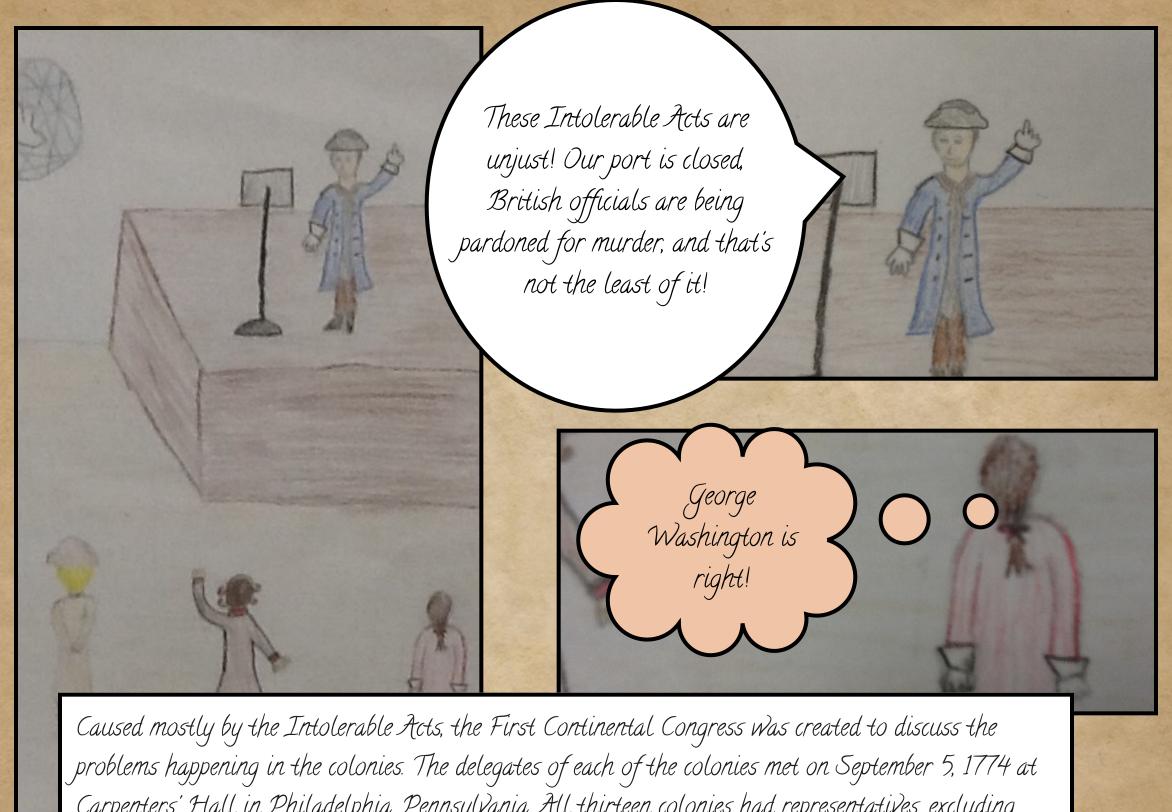


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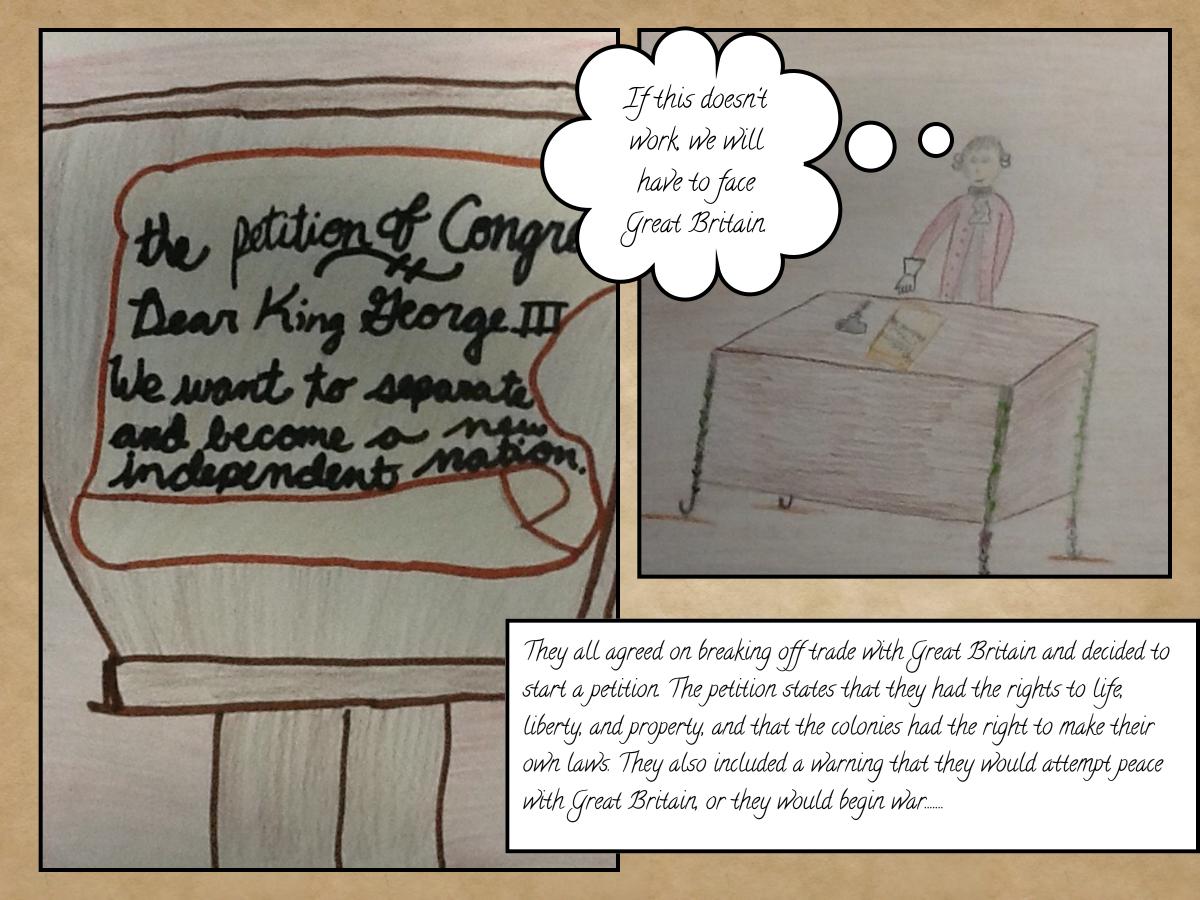
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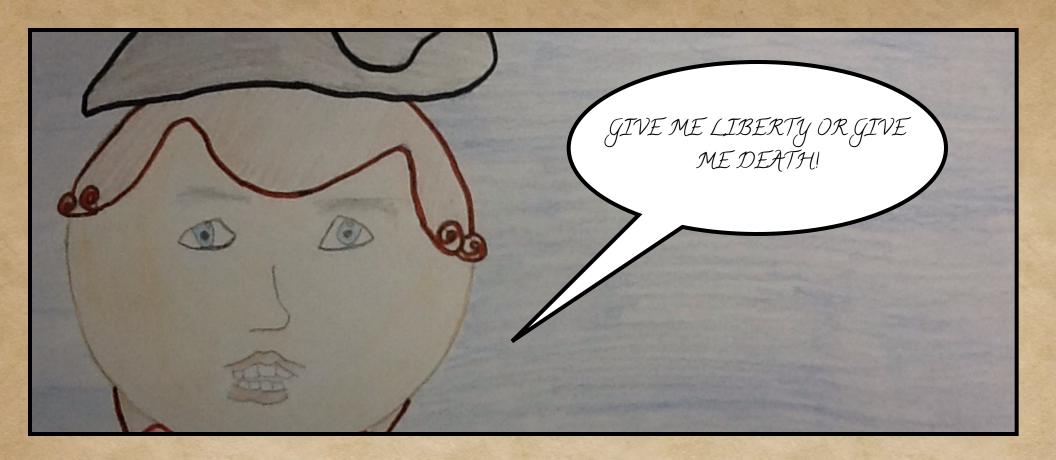




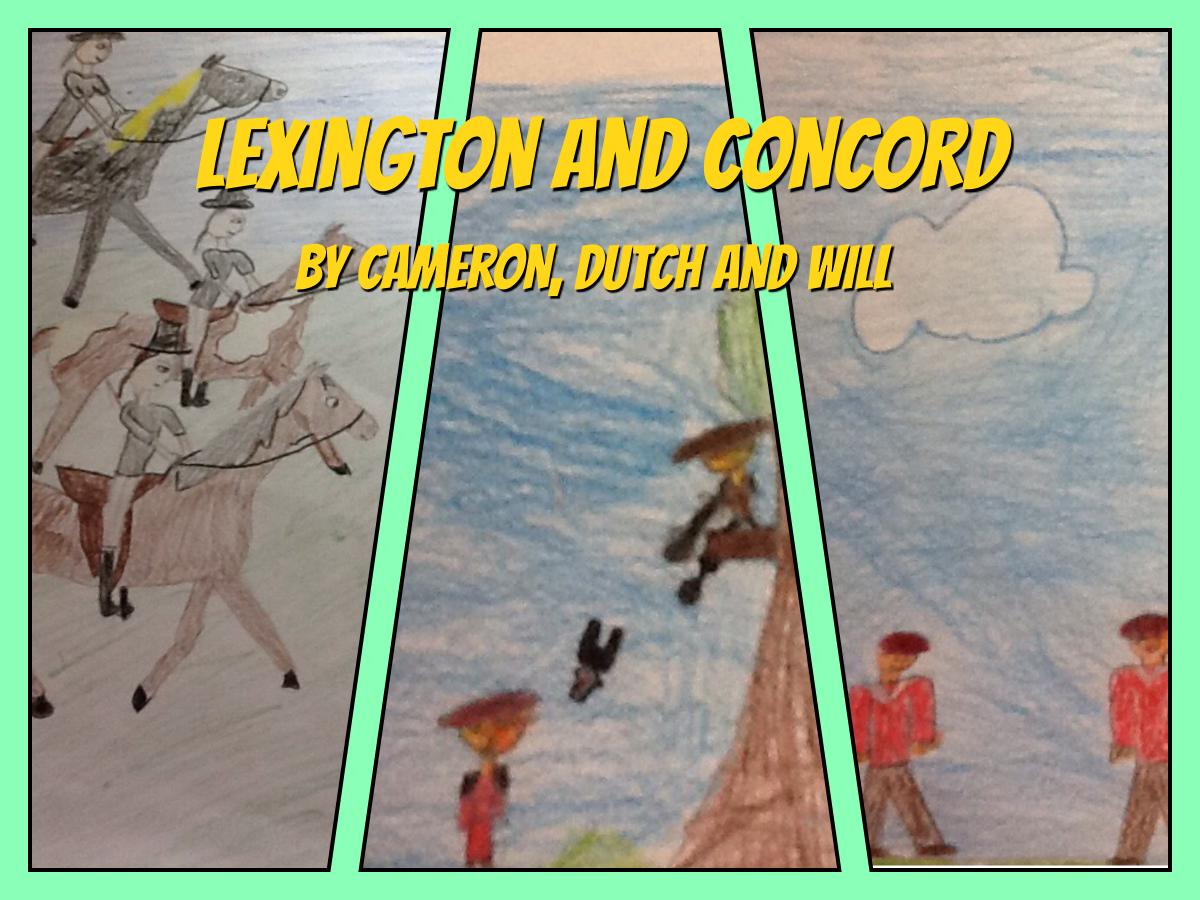
Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All thirteen colonies had representatives, excluding Georgia.

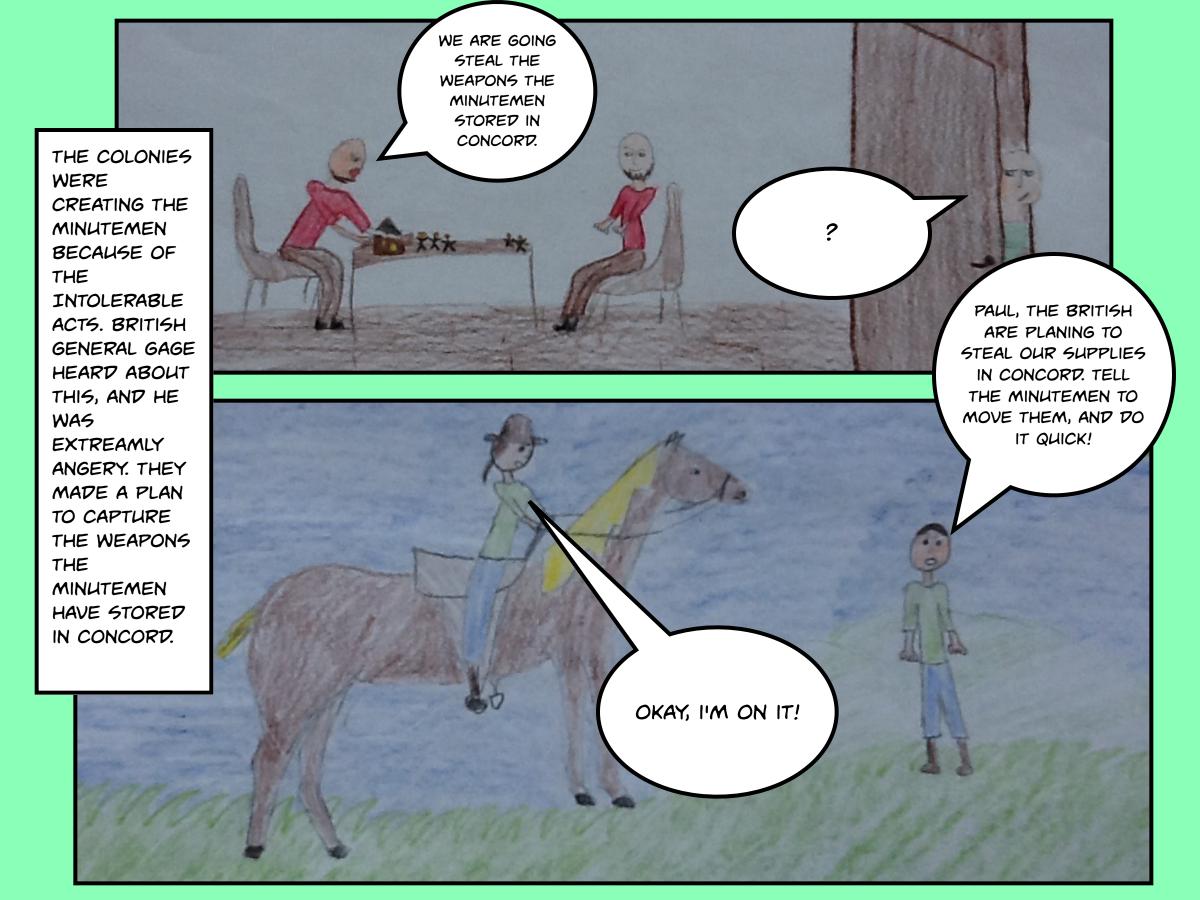






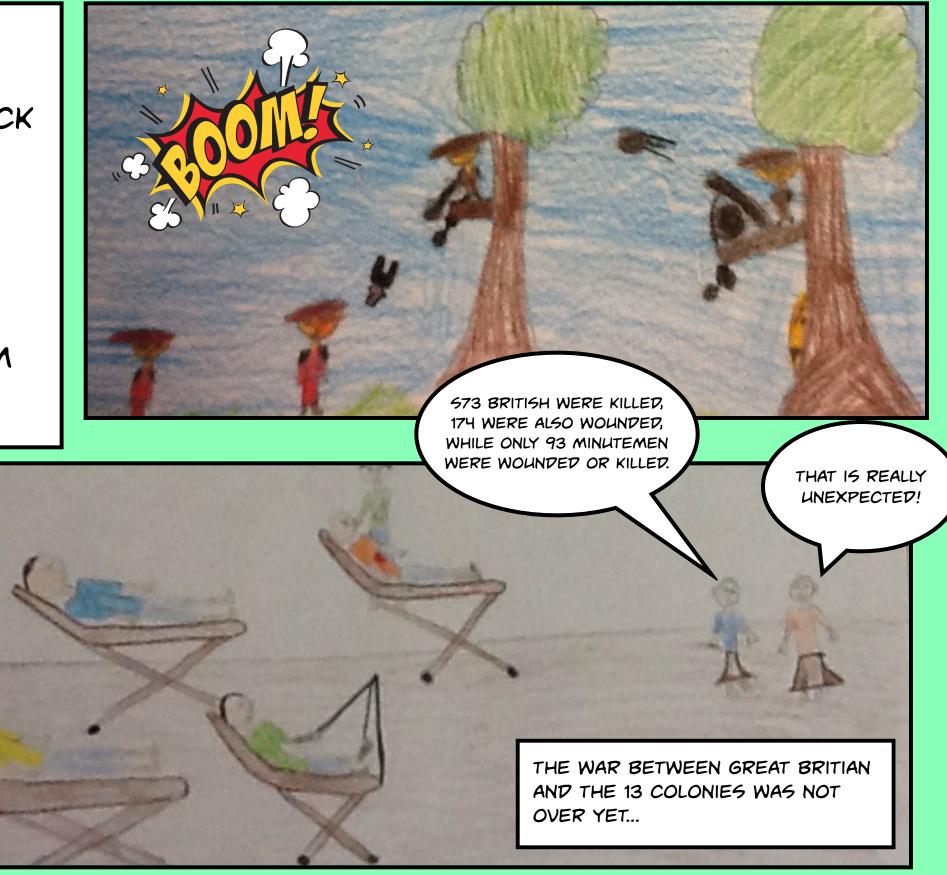








AS THE
BRITISH
RETREAT BACK
TO BOSTON,
THE
MINUTEMEN
FIRED A
SUPRISE
ATTACK FROM
THE WOODS.

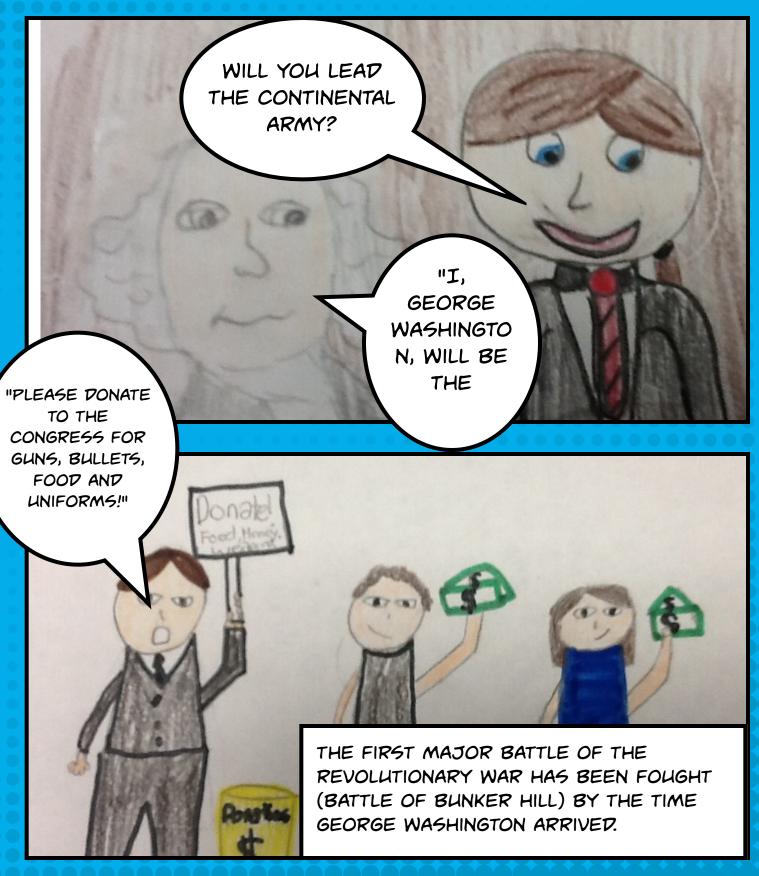


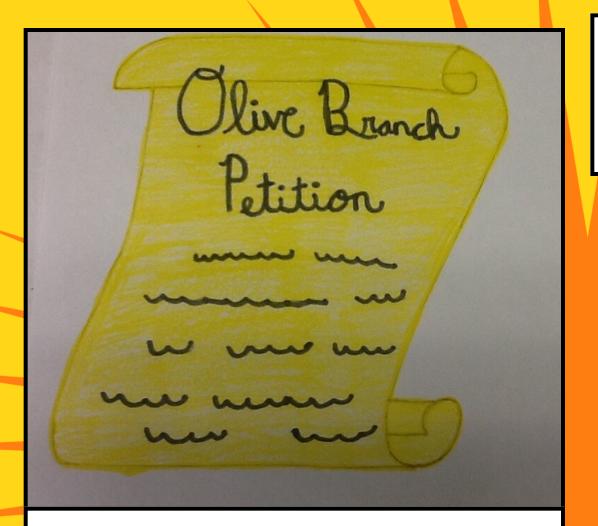


BY: CAMMY, REEVES, AND AMAAN



DELEGATES WERE STILL
DIVIDED IN THEIR VIEWS.
THEY DID AGREE, HOWEVER,
THE COLONIES DECIDED
THAT THEY SHOULD AT
LEAST BEGIN TO PREPARE
FOR WAR





THE 2ND CONTINENTIAL
CONGRESS SENT PARLIAMENT
THE OLIVE BRANCH PETITION,
STILL WITH HIGH HOPES TO
END THE WAR PEACEFULLY,
AND THEY CHOSE THE OLIVE
BRANCH SINCE IT'S AN ANCIENT
SYMBOL OF PEACE.

BY THE TIME THE PETITION REACHES KING GEORGE III AND PARLIAMENT, IT IS ALREADY A LOST CAUSE, AND THE COLONIES GET NO RESPONSE TO THE OLIVE BRANCH.

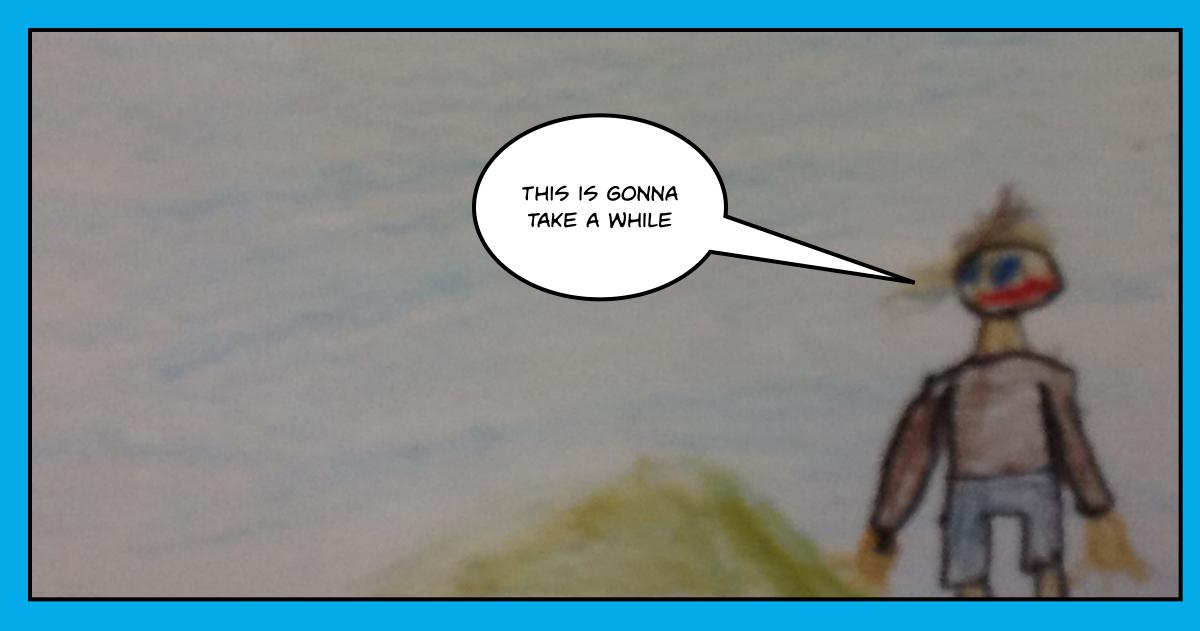




DURING SEPTEMBER 1775, GEORGIA FINALLY AGREED TO JOIN THE SECOND CONTINENTIAL CONGRESS. NOW THE STATEMENT RICHARD HENRY LEE HAS SAID IS FINALLY TRUE: "THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE VIRGINIANS, PENNSYLVANIANS, NEW YORKERS ARE NO MORE. I AM NOT A VIRGINIAN, BUT AM AMERICAN." THE SECOND CONTINENTIAL CONGRESS IS FINALLY COMPLETE.

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COLONIES IS COMING BEFORE WE KNOW IT.

ON JUNE 7, 1776, RICHARD HENRY LEE INTRODUCED THIS RESOLUTION IN THE SECOND CONTINENTIAL CONGRESS, WHICH PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COLONIES.



THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL BY BEN, CULLEN, AND WILL S.

WHEN
GENERAL
GAGE
CAUGHT
WORD OF
THE
EARTHWORK
S HE TRIED
TO DESTROY
THEM
IMMEDIATELY

GENERAL GAGE
THE COLONISTS
ARE BUILDING
EARTHWORKS ON

WE MARCH AT ONCE!

KIN FOLLY

THOUGH GENERAL GAGE WAS
THE FIRST TO HEAR ABOUT THE
EARTHWORKS HE ACTUALLY
SENT GENERAL HOWE AND
2400 SOLDIERS TO TAKE THE
HILL FROM A RAGTAG ARMY.

THE FAMOUS
WORDS "DON'T
FIRE TILL YOU
SEE THE
WHITES OF
THEIR EYES"
WAS SAID BY
GENERAL
ISRAEL
PUTNAM
BEFORE THE
BULLETS
STARTED
FLYING

PON'T FIRE UNTIL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!

LOOK IT'S

THE

COLONIES





THEY DID NOT DIE
IN VAIN. WE WILL
WIN THIS WAR.

YES WE'VE
WON!

BLIT AT WHAT
COST?

YES WE'VE
WON!

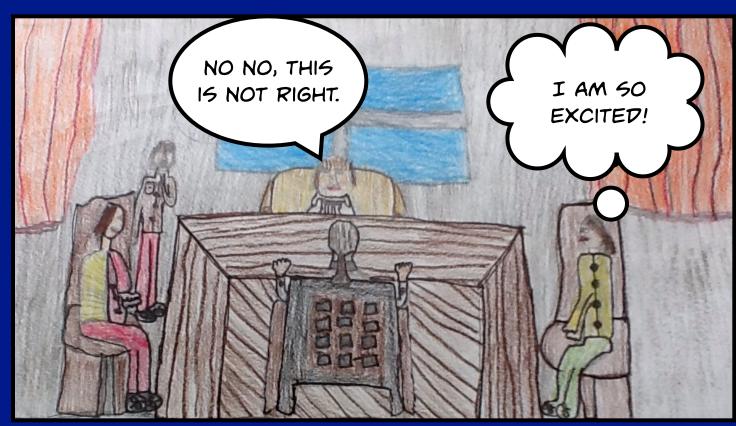
THIS BATTLE WAS UNSURPRISINGL Y WON, BY THE BRITISH DUE TO THEIR MASSIVE NUMBERS, AND PRACTICALLY LIMITLESS AMMO AND GUNPOWDER. WHAT WAS SURPRISING IS THAT IT TOOK FOUR CHARGES AND OVER 1000 BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR THEM TO WIN



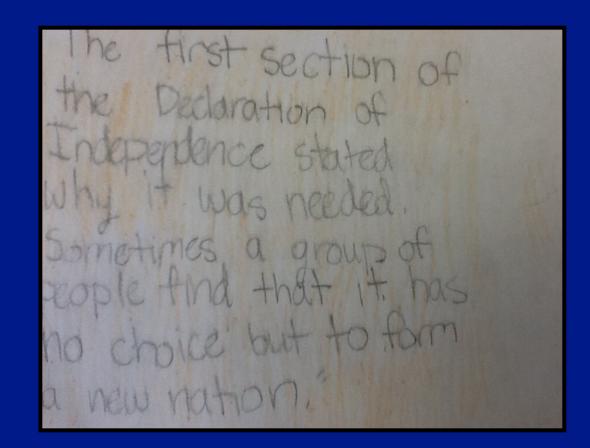


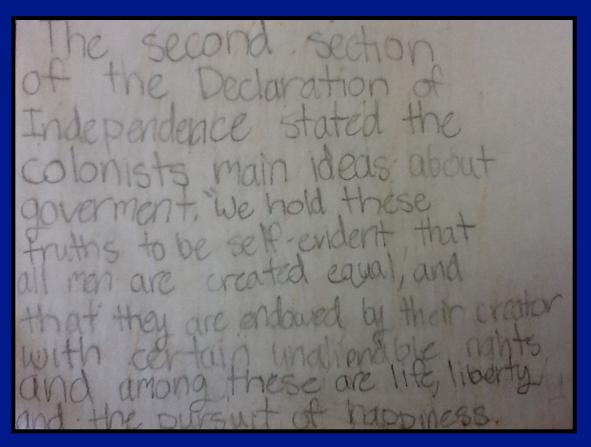
ON JUNE 7, 1776, THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MET YET AGAIN. THAT DAY, RICHARD HENRY LEE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE 13 COLONIES SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT. THE OTHER CONGRESS MEMBERS WILL LATER VOTE TO AGREE WITH HIS STATEMENT.

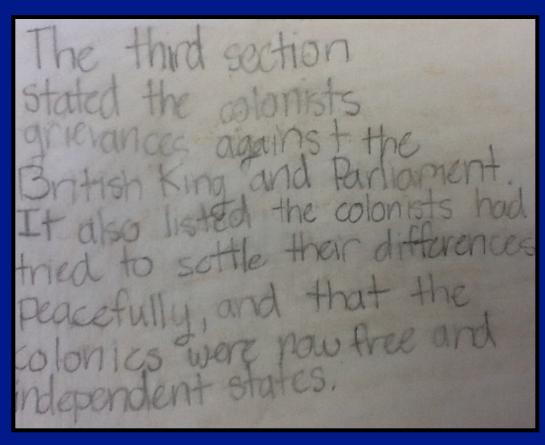
AFTER THE DECISION TO WRITE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THEY CHOSE THOMAS JEFFERSON, JOHN ADAMS, ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON, ROGER SHERMAN, AND RICHARD HENRY LEE TO WRITE IT. BUT, THOMAS JEFFERSON GREW TO BE THE MOST INVOLVED AND GOT THE MOST CREDIT.



THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS A THREE PART DOCUMENT. EACH SECTION DESCRIBED A IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR OVERALL STATEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE. IT TOLD THE FACTS OF WHY IT WAS NEEDED, THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE BRITISH. IT WAS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY, AND ONE THAT MUST BE ACCURATE AND TRUE.



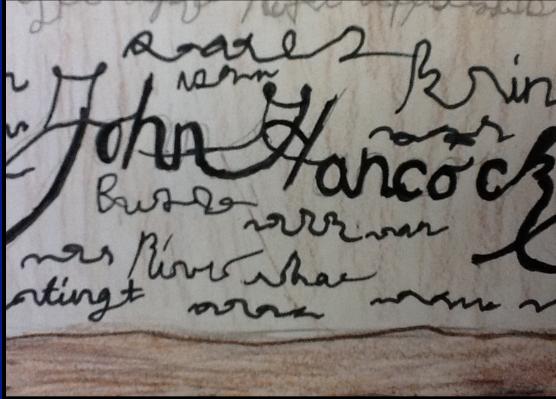






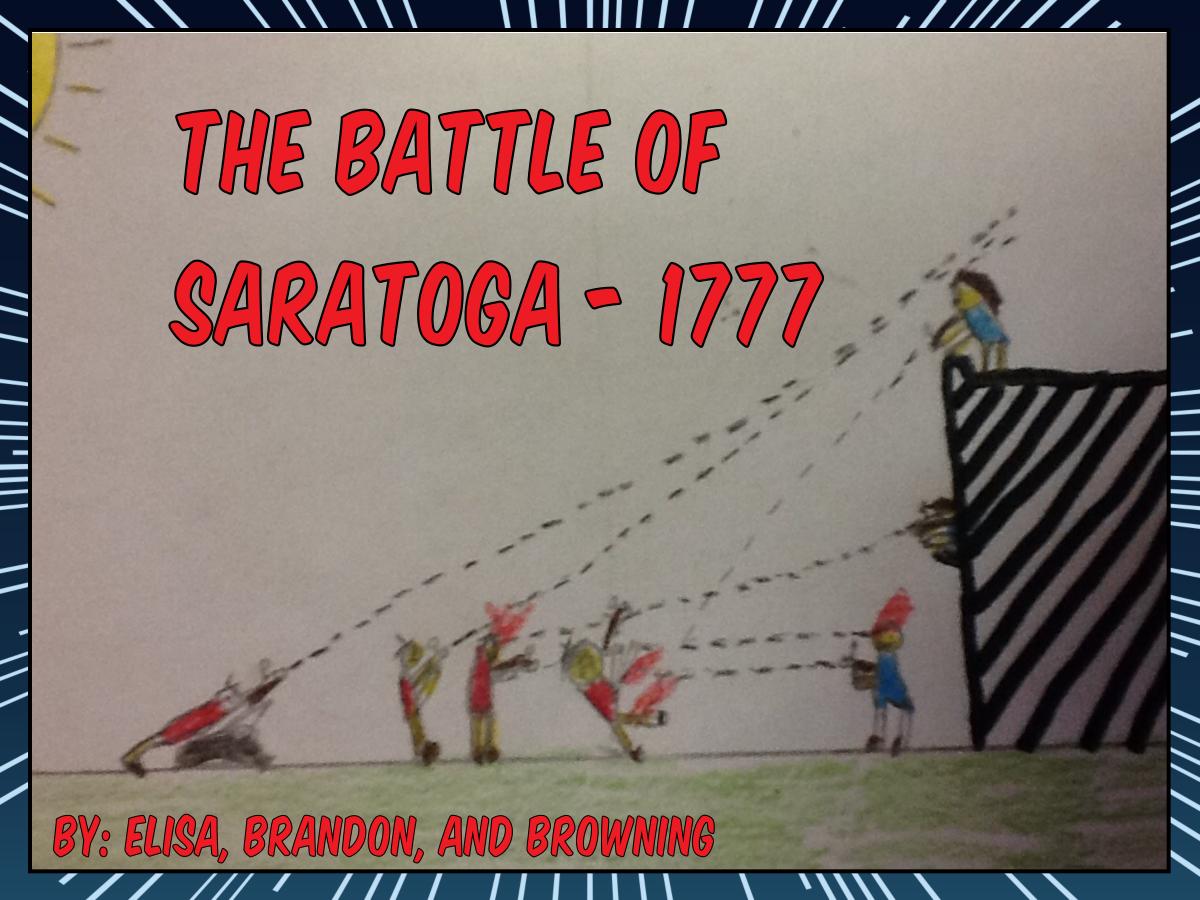
ON JULY 2, THE DELEGATES OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MET TO VOTE ON ACCEPTING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THAT MORNING, THE DECLARATION WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED. THEY NOW CONSIDERED THEMSELVES FREE FROM BRITAIN.





ON JULY 4, 1776 THE CONGRESS VOTED TO GIVE ITS FINAL APPROVAL TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. BUT, SEVERAL SIGNATURES WERE STILL ADDED LATER. THE 13 COLONIES WERE NOW, EVEN MORE OFFICIALLY, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES.

ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE CONGRESS
MEMBERS SIGNED THEIR NAMES SMALL SO
THEY WERE HARD TO SEE, JOHN HANCOCK
WAS PROUD OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE AND WANTED EVERYONE TO
SEE IT. THAT IS MOST LIKELY WHY HE SIGNED
THE DECLARATION THE LARGEST OUT OF ALL
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTINENTAL
CONGRESS.

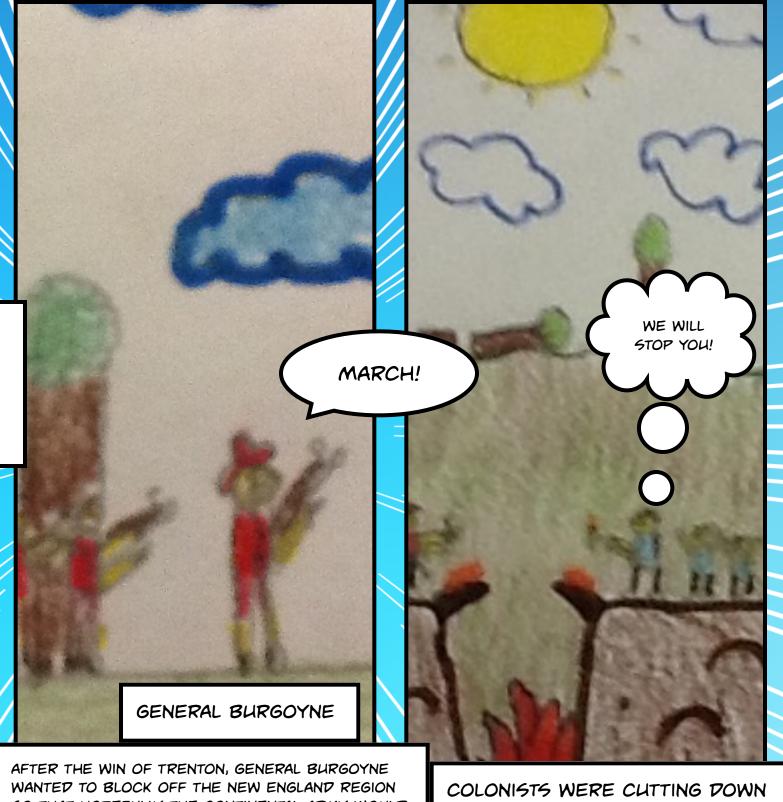




THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WASN'T DOING SO WELL, AND NO ONE SUPPORTED THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY SMALL AND HAD LOST MOST BATTLES.



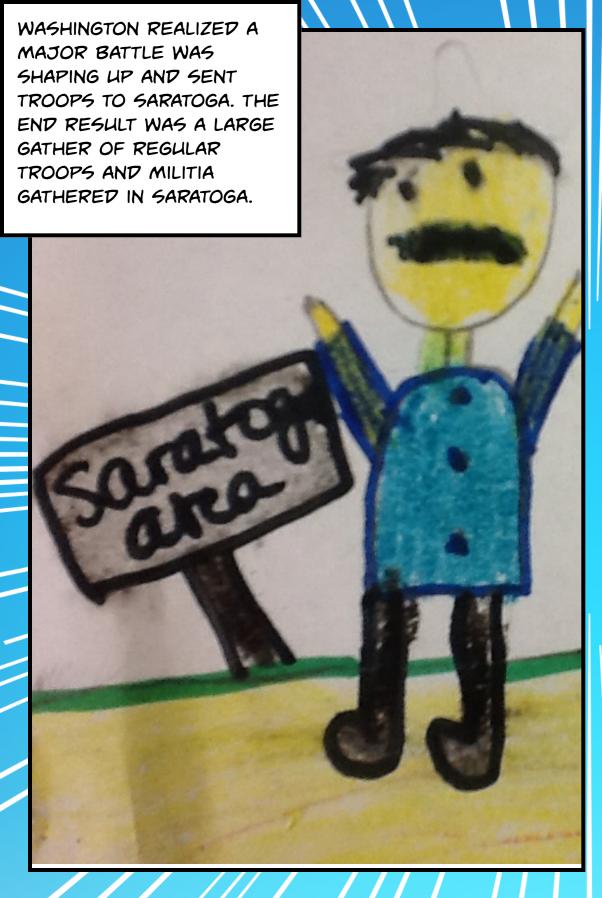
THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WINS THE BATTLE OF TRENTON. MORE PEOPLE START BELIEVING THAT THEY CAN DEFEAT THE BRITISH ARMY.



SO THAT HOPEFULLY THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WOULD SURRENDER AND THE BRITISH ARMY WOULD WIN.

TREES AND BURNING BRIDGES TO BLOCK BURGOYNE.

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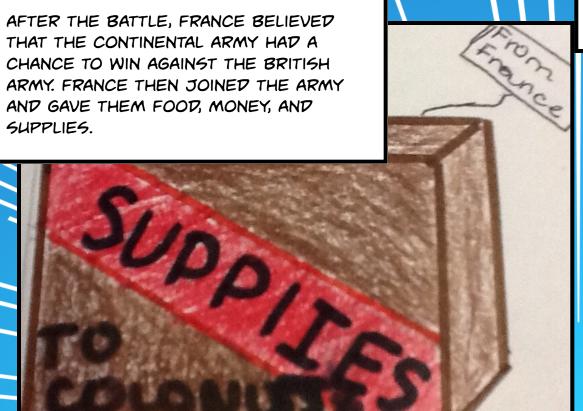


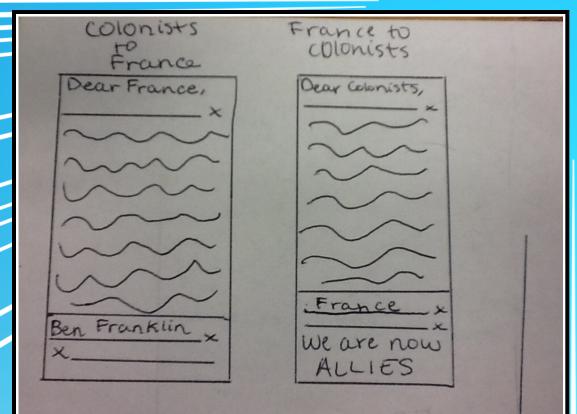


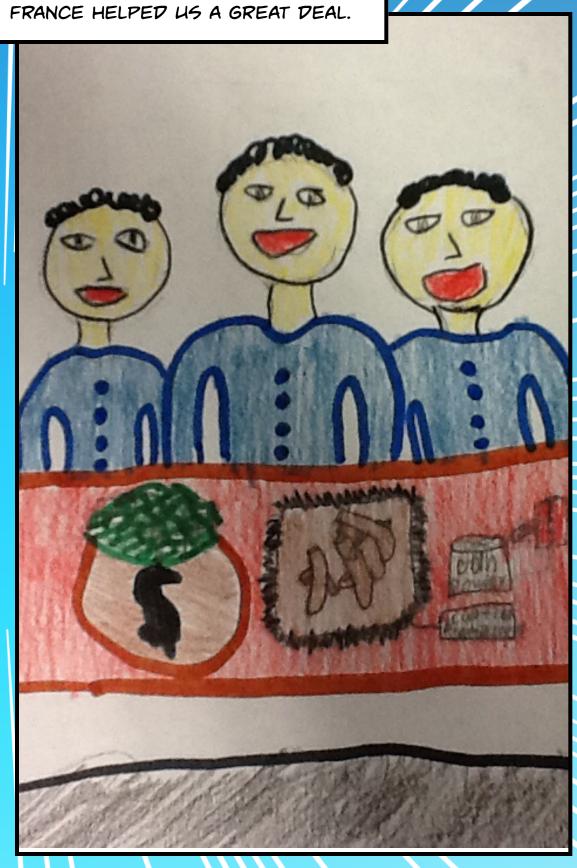
THE BRITISH WERE GOING TO BLOCK THE NEW ENGLAND REGION. MEANWHILE, THEY MET THE CONTINENTAL ARMY ON THE WAY. THE WAR WAS ABOUT TO START.

THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA WAS FOUGHT IN 1777 AND LASTED 10 LONG, TIRING DAYS. BRITISH GENERAL BURGOYNE AND HIS TROOP'S STRENGTH HAD BEEN WEAKENED, SO HE WAS DEFEATED AND FORCED TO RETREAT. THE CONTINENTAL ARMY HAD WON! THIS WAS THE TURNING POINT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR.











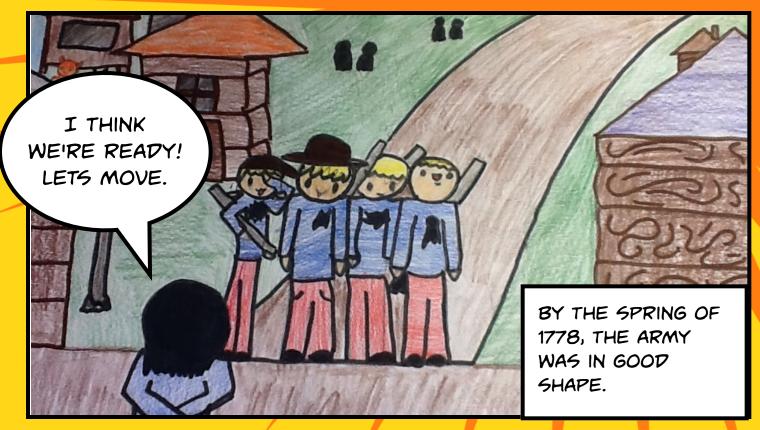












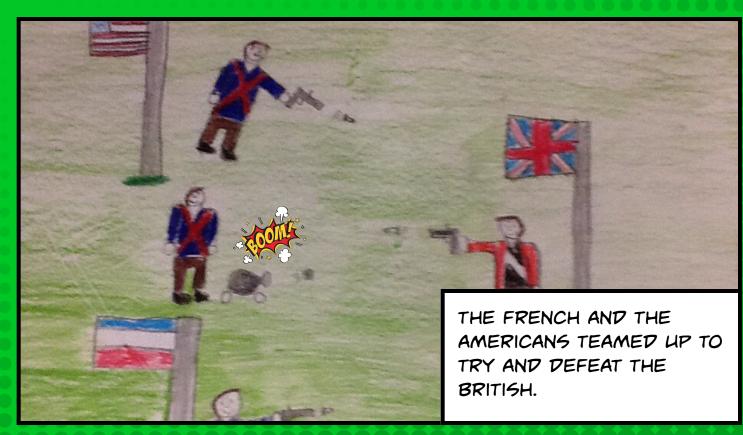






COMMANDER CHARLES CORNWALLIS WAS CONVINCED THAT HE WOULD WIN THE WAR BECAUSE THEY HAD ONE OF THE BEST ARMIES IN THE WORLD.







THE AMERICANS KNEW THAT THEY WERE GOING TO WIN BECAUSE THEY HAD THE BRITISH SURROUNDED BY LAND AND SEA.



WHEN THE BRITISH WERE LOSING, COMMANDER CHARLES CORNWALLIS ORDERED HIS MEN TO SINK THEIR OWN SHIPS TO STOP THE FRENCH NAVY FROM GETTING THROUGH.



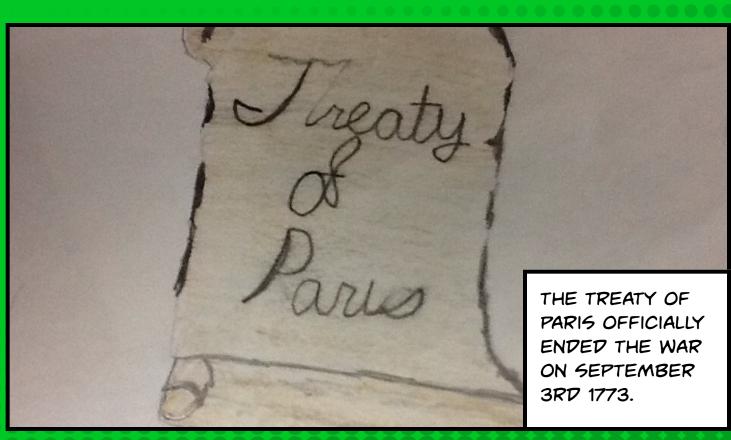




THE LIBERTY BELL COULD BE HEARD RINGING OUT WITH THE VICTORY OF THE COLONIES.



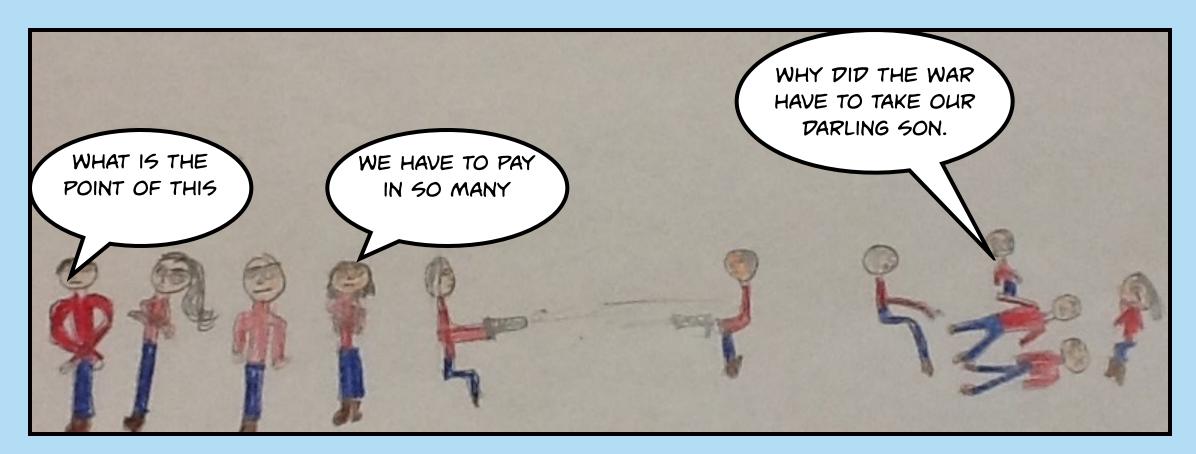


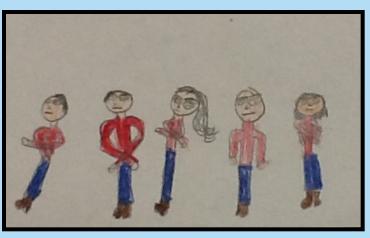


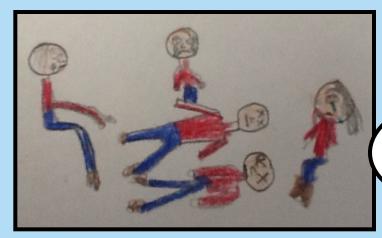
THE TREATY OF PARIS BY SIYONA, SIENNA, AND MYRA

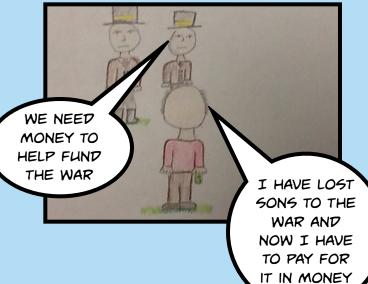






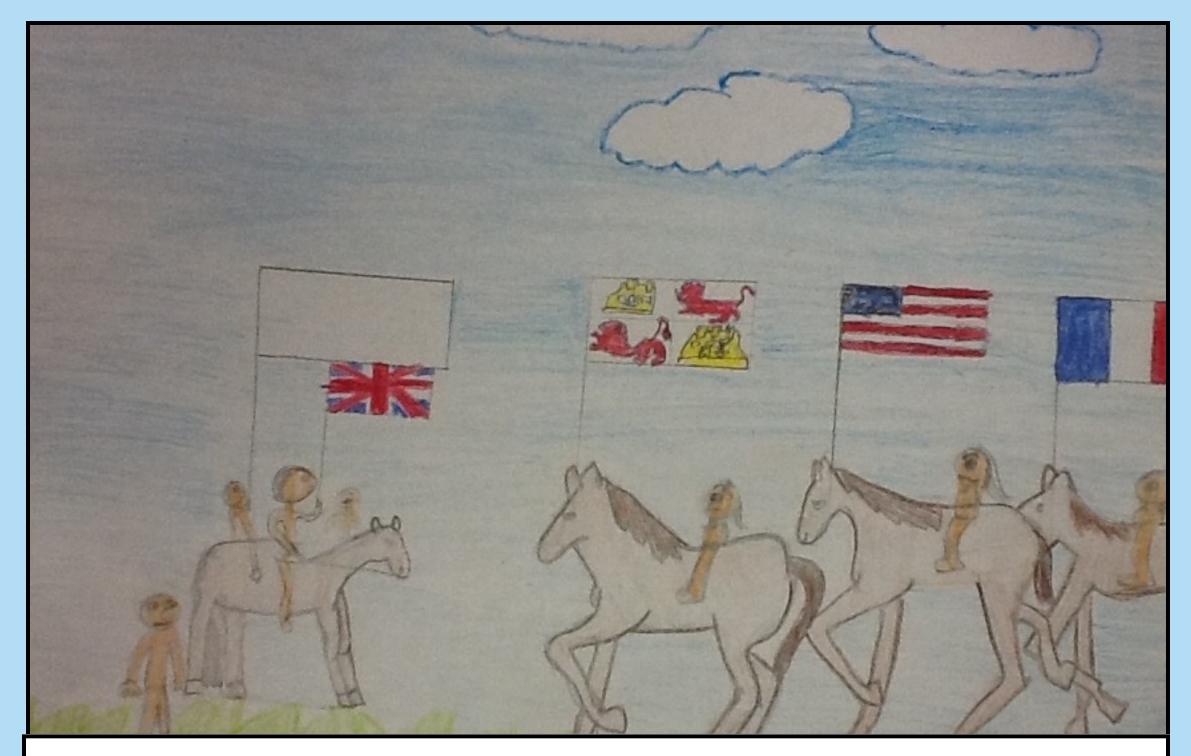




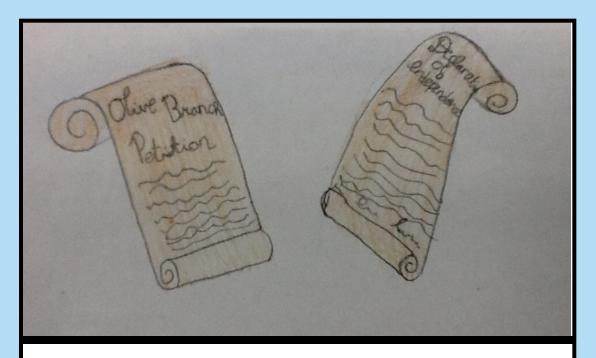


THE WAR AGAINST AMERICA WAS SLOWING BECOMING LESS POPULAR WITH THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN. THE WAR HAD BECOME VERY EXPENSIVE, AND THE BRITISH CITIZENS HAD TO PAY FOR IT IN THE MEN IN THEIR FAMILY

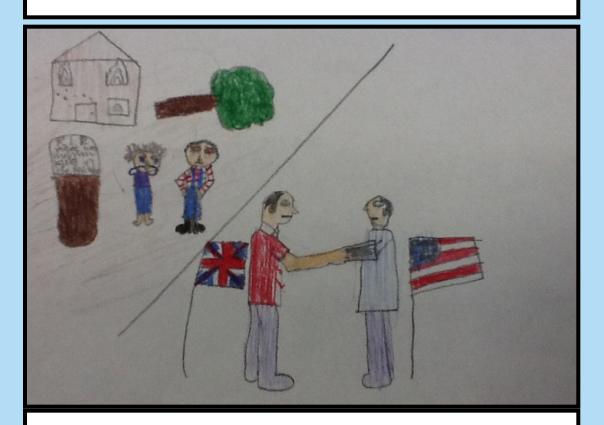
AND MONEY.



THE BRITISH WANTED THE WAR TO END AFTER THEIR DEFEAT AT YORKTOWN BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ONLY FIGHTING THEIR FORMER AMERICAN COLONIES, BUT THEY WERE FIGHTING FRANCE AND SPAIN.



THE AMERICANS WANTED THE BRITISH KING AND PARLIAMENT TO ACCEPT THEIR INDEPENDENCE



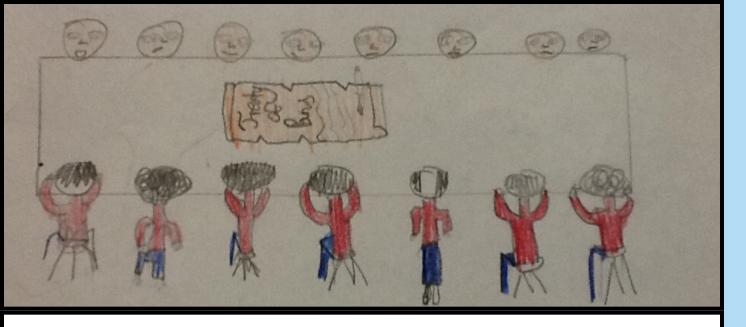
AS WELL AS TO PAY FOR AMERICANS PROPERTIES THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED.



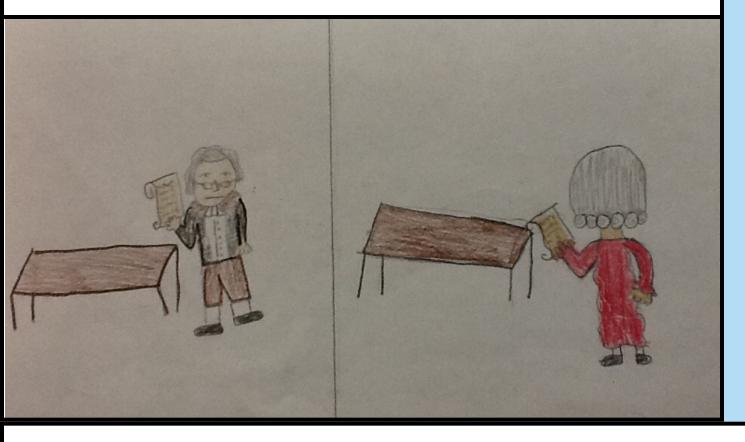
AND TO REMOVE ALL BRITISH SOLDIERS FROM AMERICAN LAND.

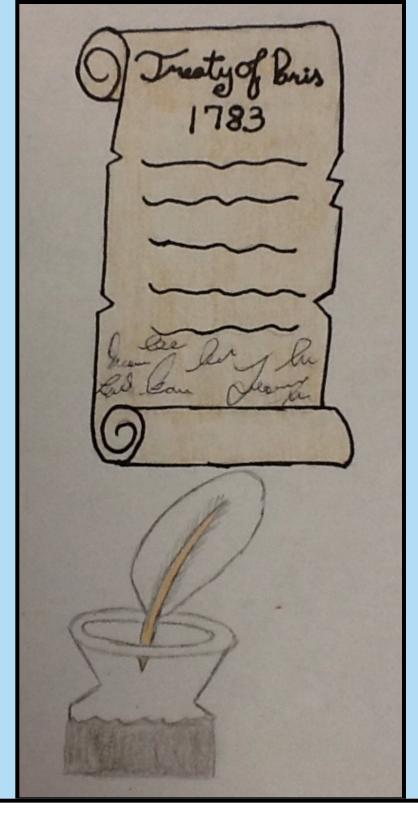


THE BRITISH WANTED LOYALISTS IN AMERICA TO BE TREATED FAIRLY.



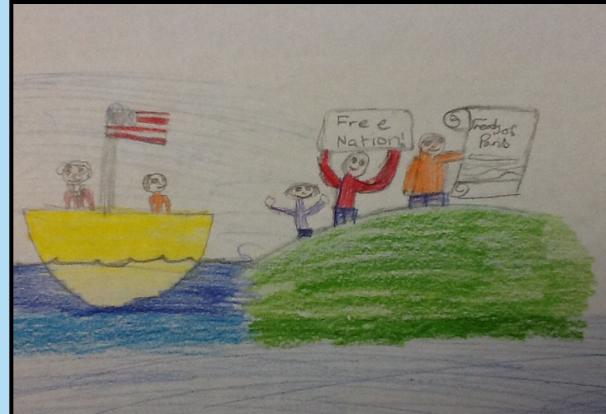
WORK ON THE TREATY BEGAN IN APRIL 1782. IT TOOK THE WRITERS OVER A YEAR TO COMPLETE THE TREATY.





IT WAS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1783 BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND DAVID HARTLEY REPRESENTING KING GEORGE 3.







THE 13 COLONIES BECAME A NATION AND WAS FREE AT LAST.