

# Class Notes - Board Battles

## **Bunker Hill:**

- 1775
- Happened on Breed's Hill
- Massachusetts
- "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" – William Prescott, Colonial officer
- British victory, but heavy British losses encouraged colonists

## **Lexington & Concord:**

- first battles of the Revolution → "shot heard 'round the world"
- 1775
- Massachusetts
- "one if by land, two if by sea" from the poem Paul Revere's Ride
- guerrilla warfare used by colonists

## **Saratoga:**

- 1777
- New York
- Colonial victory
- turning point – convinced France to join America the following year
- led by Benedict Arnold before he became a traitor to the colonists (joined the British)

## **Valley Forge:**

- 1777-1778
- Pennsylvania
- not a battle; winter camp
- miserable; not enough food, shelter, or clothing
- test of Washington's leadership
- Baron von Steuben (Prussian) drilled with men to give them experience

## **Yorktown:**

- 1781
- Virginia
- last battle of the Revolution
- Lord Cornwallis, British, surrendered to George Washington, American