

__The “Advantages” and “Disadvantages” of the American Revolution__

Commentary from the 1780s and 1790s

Complete this chart to accompany Theme IV: INDEPENDENCE of the Resource Toolbox, Making the Revolution: America, 1763-1791. David Ramsay, a physician in the Continental Army, concluded his 1789 *History of the American Revolution* by evaluating the Revolution’s “advantages” and disadvantages” as he saw them. How did he and other commentators, American and European, view the outcomes of the Revolution? What aspects buttressed or threatened the young nation?

Date of Commentary	COMMENTATOR	Nationality Patriot/Loyalist Federalist/ Anti-Federalist	“ADVANTAGES” of the American Revolution	“DISADVANTAGES” of the American Revolution
1781	Abbé Claude Robin			
1782	Benjamin Franklin			
1783	Thomas Paine			
1783	George Washington			
1783	news boy’s greeting for 1784 [<i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i>]			
1783	news boy’s greeting for 1784 [<i>Connecticut Courant</i>]			
1783 1787	Noah Webster			
1784	Richard Price			
1784	Alexander Hamilton			
1784	Isaac Ledyard			
1785	anonymous author, <i>The Golden Age</i>			
1785	news boy’s greeting for 1786 [<i>Columbian Herald</i>]			
1786	news boy’s greeting for 1787 [<i>Indep. Gazetteer</i>]			
1787	Royall Tyler			
1788	J.-P. Brissot de Warville			
1789	David Ramsay			
1789	news boy’s greeting for 1790 [<i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i>]			
1790	Benjamin Rush			
1791	Mercy Otis Warren			