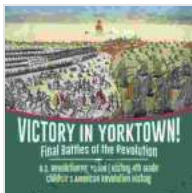


# Victory in Yorktown: The Final Battles of the Revolution

## Prelude to the Battle

The Battle of Yorktown was the culmination of a long and bloody war. The British had been defeated at Saratoga in 1777, but they continued to hold on to New York City and other major ports. In 1781, General Washington decided to launch a major offensive against the British in Virginia. He marched his army south from New York and joined forces with the French army under General Rochambeau.



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The British army under General Cornwallis was stationed in Yorktown. Cornwallis had built a series of fortifications around the town, and he was confident that he could hold out against the combined forces of the Americans and French.

## **The Battle**

The Battle of Yorktown began on September 28, 1781, with a bombardment of the British fortifications by the American and French artillery. The bombardment lasted for several days, and it caused significant damage to the British defenses.

On October 9, the American and French forces launched a combined assault on the British fortifications. The assault was successful, and the British were forced to retreat into the town.

The British were now trapped in Yorktown. The American and French forces surrounded the town, and they began to tighten their grip. On October 19, Cornwallis surrendered his army to Washington and Rochambeau.

The surrender of Cornwallis's army was a major turning point in the war. It effectively ended the war, and it led to the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which recognized the independence of the United States of America.

## **Aftermath of the Battle**

The Battle of Yorktown was a decisive victory for the Americans and French. It led to the independence of the United States of America, and it marked the end of the Revolutionary War.

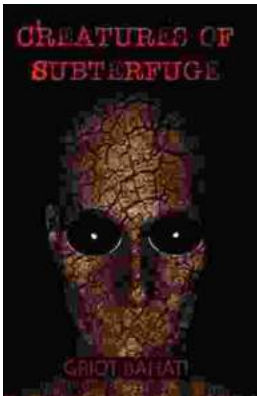
The battle also had a major impact on the British Empire. The loss of the American colonies was a major blow to British prestige, and it helped to spark the French Revolution.





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