

# Who is Fighting in the War

- American Rebels ——— Patriots
- Loyalists( Tories) ——— Colonists who support the British
- British Redcoats ——— British Soldiers
- Militia Men ——— Rag tag amateur army
- Continental Army ——— Official Army led by Washington

# Loyalist Strongholds



# Military Strategies

## The Americans



Attrition



Guerilla tactics  
[you don't have  
to win a battle,  
just wear the  
British down]



Make an  
alliance with  
one of Britain's  
enemies.

## The British



Break the  
colonies in half  
by getting  
between the  
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Blockade the  
ports to prevent  
the flow of  
goods and  
supplies from an  
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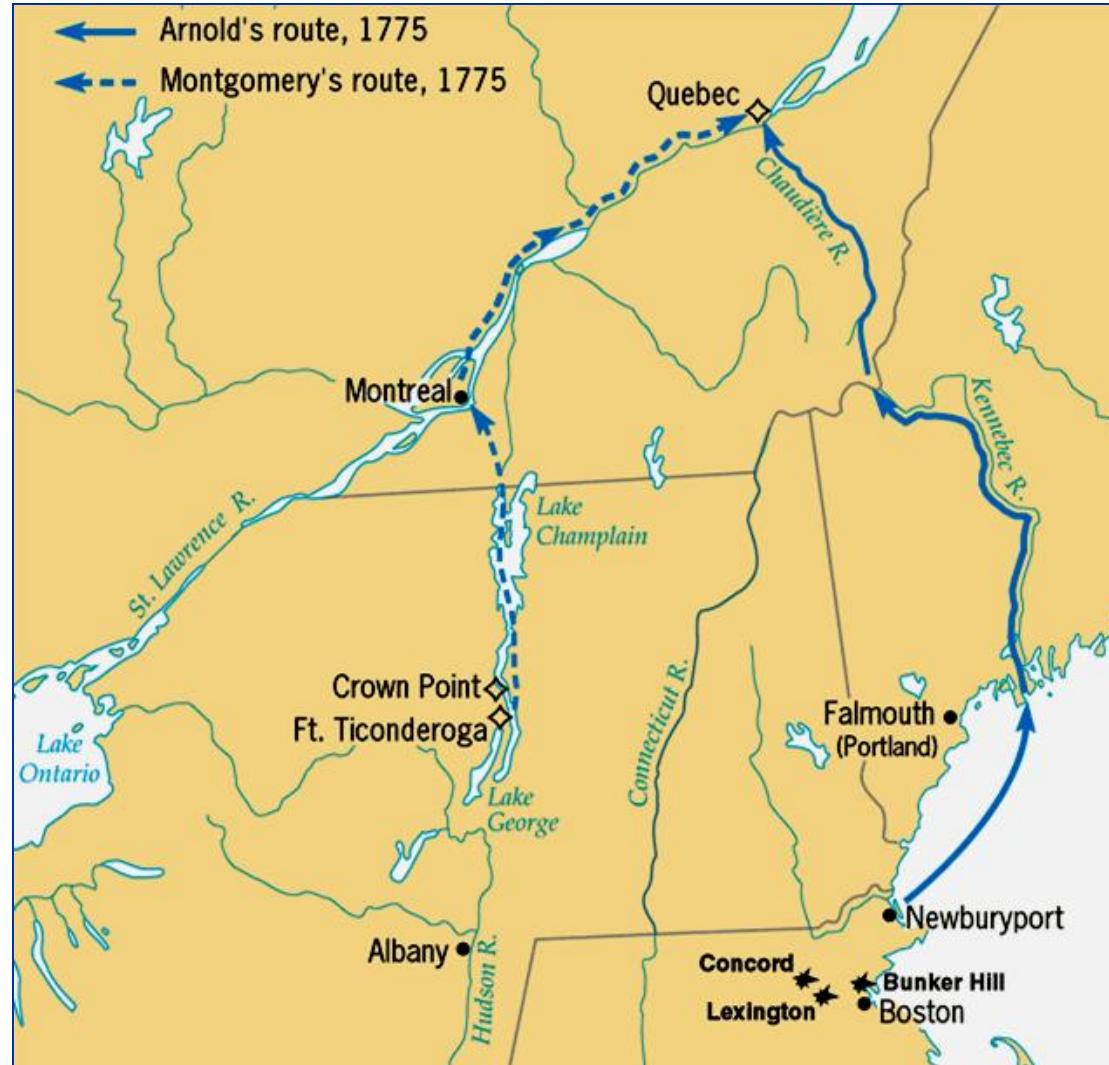


"Divide and  
Conquer" → use  
the Loyalists.

# The Northern Campaign [1775-1776]

- **Colonial Leaders**-Benedict Arnold & Richard Montgomery
- **Goal**-Retake Canada and drive the British out of the North
- **Outcome**- Montgomery killed and Arnold's men are driven up the Lawrence River, the opposite way he intended to leave
- Canada is left to Britain

# Phase I: The Northern Campaign [1775-1776]



# Phase II: NY & PA [1776-1778]

- **Colonial Leader-** George Washington
- **British Leader-**Gen. William Howe/Lord Cornwallis
- **Goal-**Patriots want to set up in NY city, British want to capture and Control NYC area
- **Outcome-**Howe destroys Washington, but heavy fog enables him to escape South to the Delaware River in Penn
- **Nathan Hale-** “I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country”

# New York City in Flames





Princeton

Washington's Crossing

Attack on Trenton

Trenton

Pennsylvania

Delaware River

Philadelphia

New Jersey



# Washington Crossing the Delaware



Painted by Emanuel Leutze, 1851

# Washington Crossing the Delaware

- Washington was chased all fall through New Jersey and crossed Delaware river into Penn for winter
- December 25, 1776-Washington gambled and crossed the frozen Delaware
- Captured 1,000 surprised Hessians who were still celebrating Christmas at Trenton, NJ
- A few days later Washington won a smaller battle at Princeton, NJ
- Gave the Patriots a huge morale boost!