

**Fill in the blanks**

The \_\_\_\_\_ took place in Philadelphia. The representatives from the colonies decided they would act \_\_\_\_\_ against the British government: if the British attacked one colony, they would consider it an attack on all of the colonies.

The first shots of the American War of Independence were fired during the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. At the Second Continental Congress, it was decided that \_\_\_\_\_ would be commander-in-chief of the American forces. He had his first victory against the English at the town of \_\_\_\_\_ in March 1776.

At first the colonists living in America only wanted an end to British taxes. As the months went by however they wanted America to be \_\_\_\_\_ from British Rule. A man called \_\_\_\_\_ wrote a pamphlet called *Common Sense* which convinced people that America should be independent.

This led to the signing of the \_\_\_\_\_ at the next continental congress. The author of this document was \_\_\_\_\_. It was signed on 4 July 1776. A new nation, the United States of America, had been created.