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## Peace of Paris

The 1781 US victory at the Battle of Yorktown made peace talks where British negotiators were willing to consider US independence a possibility.

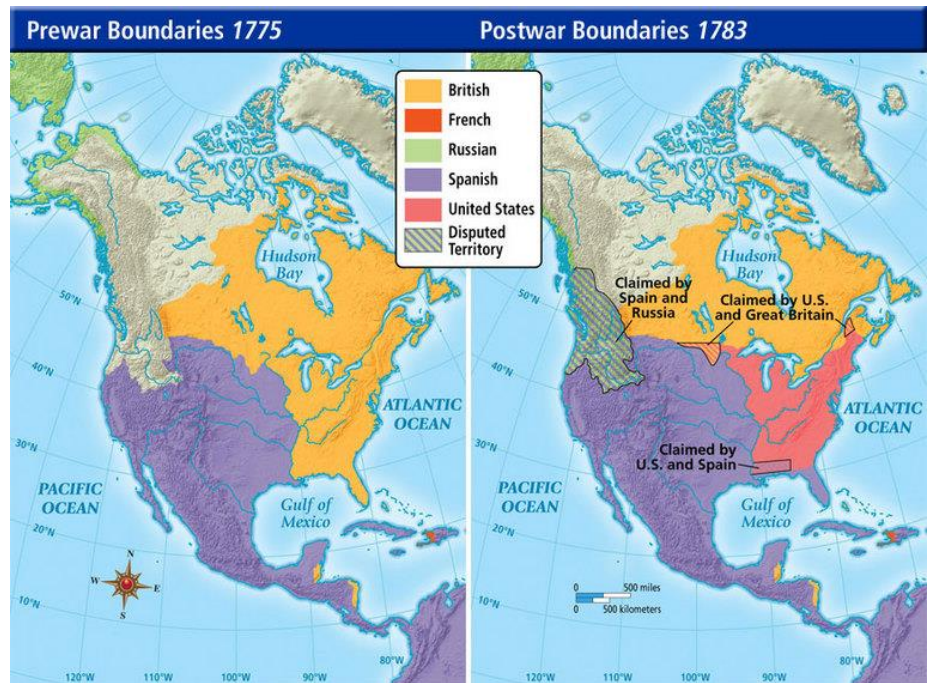
After Yorktown, the Continental Congress appointed a small group of statesmen to travel to Europe and negotiate a peace treaty with the British:

John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson and Henry Laurens.

(However, Jefferson was not able to leave the United States for the negotiations, and Laurens had been captured by a British warship and held captive; the principal American negotiators were Franklin, Adams and Jay.)

Anglo-American negotiations entered their final stage in October and November of 1782.

The US succeeded in obtaining Newfoundland fishing rights, a western border that extended to the Mississippi with rights of navigation (which the Spanish government would later prevent) and, British acknowledgement of US independence along with the peaceful withdrawal of British forces.



The Peace of Paris is a collection of treaties concluding the American Revolution and signed by representatives of Great Britain on one side and the United States, France, and Spain on the other.

Preliminary articles (often called the Preliminary Treaty of Paris) were signed at Paris between Britain and the United States on November 30, 1782.

On September 3, 1783, three definitive treaties were signed

1. Treaty of Paris - between Britain and the United States in Paris

2. Treaty of Versailles - between Britain and France and Spain, respectively
3. Treaty of Paris - between Britain and the Netherlands (Dutch Republic) (a preliminary treaty on September 2, 1783, and a final separate peace on May 20, 1784)

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