

Results to Initial Prompt to Gemini *Please create a brief timeline of events of the American Revolution that occurred along the Mississippi River*

### **American Revolution on the Mississippi River: A Timeline**

While the major battles of the American Revolution occurred on the Eastern Seaboard, the Mississippi River played a significant role in the conflict. Here's a brief timeline of key events:

- **1775:** The American Revolution begins in the East.
- **1776:**
  - **June: Declaration of Independence:** The Continental Congress declares independence from Great Britain, raising concerns for British control of the Mississippi River trade route.
  - **September: Vincennes: (Potential Event):** There's some debate about the exact date, but Virginians may have captured Fort Sackville (later Vincennes, Indiana) from a small British garrison around this time, disrupting British trade networks in the region.
- **1778:**
  - **February: French Alliance:** The Treaty of Alliance is signed between the newly formed United States and France. France, a rival of Britain, seeks to limit British expansion in North America, including control of the Mississippi.
  - **December: Clark Captures Kaskaskia:** George Rogers Clark leads a surprise attack and captures Fort Kaskaskia, a key British trading post in the Illinois Country (present-day Illinois and Indiana).
- **1779:**
  - **June: Clark Captures Vincennes:** Clark leads a daring winter campaign and captures Fort Sackville (Vincennes) again, solidifying American control over the region.
  - **September: Spain Declares War:** Spain, another rival of Britain, enters the war on the side of the American colonists, further pressuring British control of the Mississippi.
- **1780-1781: Guerrilla Warfare:** Militia groups engage in sporadic skirmishes and raids along the Mississippi River, disrupting British trade and communication lines.
- **1783: Treaty of Paris:** The war ends with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. The treaty recognizes American independence and grants the United States navigation rights on the Mississippi River.

**Note:** The events in the Mississippi River theater were not as decisive as major battles on the Eastern Seaboard. However, they played a crucial role in securing American access to the lucrative fur trade and navigation on the Mississippi, ultimately contributing to the success of the Revolution.