



*George was chosen to lead the colonists in a war against the British.*

Years later, his courage and leadership would be put to a bigger test.

George Washington was now the commander of a new American army—the Continental Army, made up of soldiers from all thirteen colonies.

Farmers, shopkeepers, and men who had never been soldiers before now stood together, fighting for America's independence against the mighty British Empire.

The soldiers fighting beside him believed in freedom—but belief alone could not hold back the brutal winter or overcome the might of the British army.