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Wisconsin Ties to the American Revolution

Dear educators,

I was honored to collaborate with the PBS LearningMedia team, historians, and educators nationwide to develop curriculum to accompany *THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*, the upcoming film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt. The series explores both the virtues and contradictions of the revolution and the enduring questions it raised.

The American Revolution collection on PBS LearningMedia will be released in full ahead of the film's premiere in November. It encompasses both well-known and lesser-known topics related to the era and is designed to address a range of skills, standards, and grade levels. As part of a special preview, you can [access one of the four lesson plans](#) I developed now.

I also invite you to explore the Wisconsin-focused content created by PBS Wisconsin Education, including two new episodes of *The Look Back*, which will be included in The American Revolution collection.



Your partner in education and PBS resources,
Jaclyn Jecha,
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Native nations and the American Revolution

British, French, American, and Spanish medals were given to American Indians for a variety of reasons from the 1600s to 1800s. In a [new episode](#) of *The Look Back*, hosts Cat and Sergio explore Native involvement in the Revolutionary War through a British peace medal. **(Grades 4-9)**

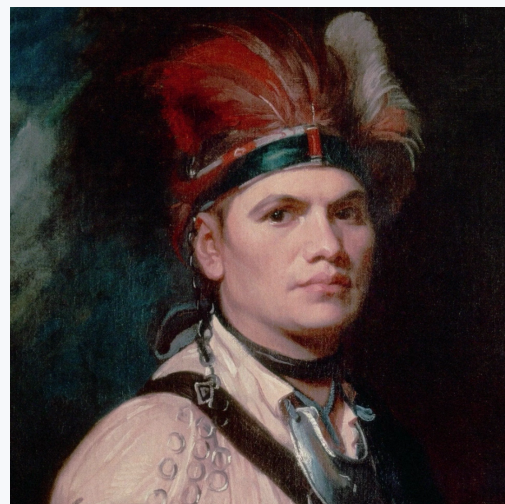


Washington's iconic look

When you imagine George Washington, you probably envision the famous portrait originally created by artist Gilbert Stuart, which has been recreated countless times by other artists. Join Taylor and Nick as they [paint a picture](#) of its connections to Wisconsin and American history. **(Grades 4-9)**

Native sovereignty in the Revolutionary era

Examine the American Revolution through the experience of [Joseph Brant](#), a Mohawk leader, soldier, and statesman who challenged the emerging United States. Classroom-ready video clips, primary sources, and questions explore Brant's story and why it matters. **(Grades 9-12)**



Behind the scenes with PBS Wisconsin Education

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association Conference

PBS Wisconsin Education is at the WECA conference this week, sharing high-quality early learning resources, like [Lyla in the Loop](#) on PBS LearningMedia.



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