

Dated timeline

Different dates mark different historical actions.

1776 · DECLARED

Congress stated an independence case.

Card A: public political argument.

1777 · ADOPTED

Congress adopted the Articles.

Card C: adoption is not full ratification.

1781 · RATIFIED

All thirteen states had ratified the Articles.

Card C: governing framework took effect.

1783 · RECOGNISED

Britain signed the peace treaty.

Card D: recognition between governments.

These events do not, by themselves, show equal personal rights.