





Would you have seen a battle?

The American Revolution had more small fights than big battles. They all happened within two hundred miles of the Atlantic Ocean, and one third took place in New York State.

Some battles took place near farms and towns where people lived, and you might have seen or heard the fighting.

In 1776, Abigail Adams, the wife of patriot John Adams, wrote about a battle near their home in Massachusetts: “I have just returned from Penn’s Hill, where I have been sitting to hear the amazing roar of cannon. I could see every shell that was thrown. . . .”

This battle went on night and day for more than two weeks. It was hard to sleep with the thundering of the cannon, and explosions that made the windows rattle and the house shake.