

## BATTLES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

The Battle of Bunker Hill was a series of three attacks by the British on June 17, 1775 during the Siege of Boston. This was one of the early battles of the American Revolution.

The colonists learned that the British were planning on occupying the hills around Boston, Massachusetts as a way to control the city. The American troops went to the hills and built forts out of earth, called redoubts, to defend the hills.

The British charged the American troops in three attacks. The British had over 3,000 troops and the Americans had 2,500. The Americans won the first two attacks and heavily damaged the British forces. On the third attack, the colonists ran out of ammunition and had to retreat over the hills into Cambridge, Massachusetts.

While the British won the battle, they suffered over 1,000 injuries and deaths, including a large number of officers. The American forces had only 450 deaths or injuries. The Battle of Bunker Hill encouraged the Americans because it proved that the inexperienced colonial forces could fight the well trained and highly experienced British Army.



*Map of the Battle of Bunker Hill*



*One of the attacks of Bunker Hill*



*British forces attacking at Bunker Hill*

### Short Answer

*Fill in the blank with the correct answer.*

The Bunker Hill was part of what siege? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date of Bunker Hill? \_\_\_\_\_

How many attacks were there in the battle? \_\_\_\_\_

What state is Boston in? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the Battle of Bunker Hill show the Americans? \_\_\_\_\_