The American Revolution Faith & Freedom Bingo Card



Ken Burns' new film "The American Revolution" chronicles our country's founding in six installments. Religious freedom is one of America's founding ideals, and religious beliefs and conflicts play a role at numerous points in the film. The ways in which people's faith and ideals of freedom and tolerance intersect with the war are complex and interesting. As you enjoy the documentary, here's a bingo card of faith and freedom focused tidbits to look out for:

Quaker nonviolent beliefs Indigenous religion and conversion

Religious diversity in the continental army

"the laws of nature and nature's god" Controversy over the Quebec Act

Deism and the Founding Fathers

"It does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are 20 gods or no gods..."

Accusations of blasphemy

"Our sister states of Pennsylvania and New York, however, have long subsisted without any establishment (of religion) at all..."

Old South Church

Freedom of religion in Rhode Island

Religious reasons for participation in the war

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Freedom of religion in Pennsylvania

"In every human Breast,
God has implanted a
Principle which we call
Love of Freedom; it is
impatient of Oppression,
and pants for
Deliverance..."

Controversy over Catholic participation

Early Jewish presence in New York

Suspicion of Quakers

Accusations of blasphemy

"Washington doesn't believe in God or Gods in the Christian sense..."

Organizing in religious communities

Congregationalism Church of England schism

Muslim soldiers

Religious difference between colonies