

# THE RISE OF THOMAS SUMTER

4th GRADE TEACHER GUIDE & QUESTIONS  
RESOURCES FOR TEACHING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



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We know you have much to do. Here are things to assist you as you teach the American Revolution in your classroom.

This comic book series on the Rise of Thomas Sumter was created with your students and your teaching objectives in mind.



## 6-Volume Series

Dark Times Need Heroes

MAY 27, 1780

Huck's Defeat

JULY 12, 1780

A Rocky Response

JULY 17, 1780

The Shattering

AUGUST 6, 1780

Cary's Fort

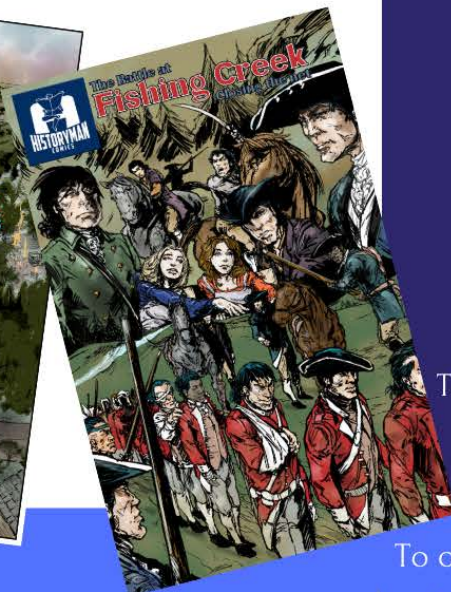
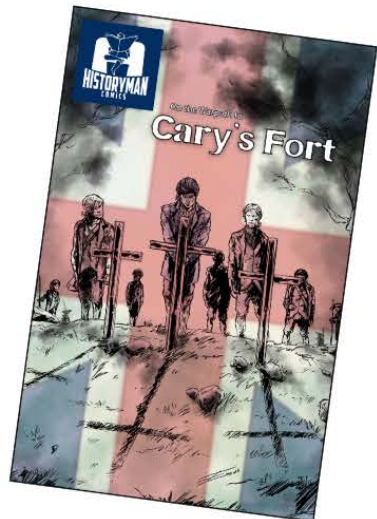
AUGUST 15, 1780

The Battle of Fishing Creek

AUGUST 18, 1780

### FEATURES IN EACH COMIC BOOK:

- Inside front cover: A biography of Thomas Sumter with resources
- Middle: A map & timeline of American Revolution incidents. The highlighted battles are detailed through the series.
- Centerfold: Some of the main characters in each book on both Patriot & British sides.
- Inside back cover: A Footsteps of Heroes highlighting someone associated with the story followed by several resources.



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Sample Questions In Response to  
the SC Social Studies Standards for 4th grade:

- Native Americans, women, free and enslaved people of African descent were involved in the American Revolution and are a part of the comic book series. Identify where you discovered these significant people. Talk about their roles and their influence in the highlighted events. (From examples like Soldier Tom throughout the series to the Footsteps of Heroes sections on the inside back covers, you should find a number of people to consider.)
- Analyze the sequence of events leading to the establishment of the United States as a democratic republic by comparing and contrasting the South Carolina timeline and map (in the middle of each comic book). How does this compare to the Social Studies resources you use in your classroom? Talk about whether some of the battles may not have been included in your classroom resources.
- South Carolina played a significant role in the American Revolution as evidenced by the number of battles against the British. Discuss how our country would be different if the British had won more of these South Carolina battles.
- Evidence of people's growing understandings of their natural rights are in the timeline in each comic book. (The Intolerable Acts, the Associational Acts, the Camden Resolves, and Thomas Payne's "Common Sense" all led to the Declaration of Independence.) We've actually included one of the Associational documents from that era in the Footsteps of Heroes section in A Rocky Response.
- Historyman drew from many sources to create this comic book series: visits to the South Carolina Archives, letters, Revolutionary War pension applications, actual copies of the documents themselves, biographies, important historical works of literature at the library, and microfiche copies of newspapers from the era. In light of his research, consider which sources were primary or secondary. To make your next project come to life, use a variety of primary and secondary sources.

"Yet,  
there is  
*hope*  
if there  
is still  
*breath.*"

HUCK'S DEFEAT



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