

Battle of Saratoga

1. Brits march by with civilians
2. Burgoyne partying
3. CU on student portraying Benedict Arnold
4. Br. Marchby [in order] w/ cannons, Native Americans, loyalists, Hessens
5. Am marchby
6. Gates and Arnold argue
6. Riflemen ambush Br. patrol, drive them back
7. Br counterattack drives back riflemen
8. Hessians waiting in line of battle
9. Br Line waiting
10. Grenadiers waiting in line of battle
11. Br. cannon fires single shot
12. Br army advances in line of battle
13. Ams shoot, Br take hits
14. Attacks, counterattacks
15. Cannon fire
16. Arnold and Gates argue. Arnold wants to attack, Gates wants to stay put
17. Ams attack, push Brits back [no grenadiers take part in the fighting]
18. Hessens, with band playing, attack and drive Ams back
19. Dead, both sides
20. Miserable starving Br behind logs [fortifications]
21. Indians and Tories deserting

22. Daniel Taylor makes his way through woods and is captured by a militia patrol. Thinking they are Tories, he says "Take me to General Clinton, he knows me and he knows all about it." "You want to see Gen. Clinton? Very well." Taylor is searched and blindfolded and is taken instead to the tent of American General George Clinton.

23. When the blindfold is removed and Taylor realizes his mistake, he says, "I am lost!" and swallows the bullet. The Americans see him do it and send for the doctor, who has a bottle of medicine. Taylor swallows the med and throws up the bullet. He grabs the bullet and swallows it a second time. Taylor refuses to take the med again. An American strokes the blade of a big knife. Taylor looks worried, takes the med and throws up the bullet for a second time. The Americans hold his arms, pick up and examine the bullet, finding a very small piece of paper [a note] hidden inside. They read it, look at Taylor with a big smile, fade out on Taylor looking very worried.

24. Big Am march by

25. Am cannons fire on Br. camp

26. Br. patrols are ambushed

27. Pan the woods [but we only see the woods but can hear thousand of turkeys gobbling]

28. Br look at each other with fear of the sound

29. Am. Officers planning

30. Br officers planning

31. Grenadiers circle through woods

32. Br fire 2 distinct cannon shots

33. Hessens on Br. left, line and Tories in middle, grenadiers on right

34. Burgoyne's men advance in battle line, unmolested, halt to adjust their ranks

35. Continentals attack

36. Riflemen break through Br lines

37. Ams surrounding Br

38. Gates and Arnold argue, Arnold says, "We need to make a heavy attack now!" Gates says, "I'll give you Morgan's riflemen." Arnold says, "That's nothing. We need something much stronger." Gates says, "General Arnold, I have nothing left for you to do."

39. Arnold leaves Gates, heading for the thickest fighting.

40. Gates sends an officer to demand Arnold's return. Arnold ignores him.

41. Arnold directs Am troops into fight as they arrive.

42. Br. Gen. Fraser is actively directing his redcoats and grenadiers. They load and fire.

43. Arnold points to Fraser and says to Gen. Morgan, "That man is a host in himself and must be disposed of. Who is your best marksman?" Morgan says, "That would be Timothy Murphy."

44. Murphy the rifleman climbs a tree and shoots Br Gen. Fraser in the lower belly. Fraser's men try to help their general.

45. Am cannons bombard Fraser's funeral procession

46. While leading an attack, Arnold is shot in the left leg by a Hessen. Arnold tells his men to spare the Hessen and to capture him, as he was only doing his duty.

47. Arnold is carried away from the field amid cheers.

48. Hessen Lt. Col. Breymann sabers 4 of his own men who are trying to surrender. A 5th bayonets him and he and the rest of the Hessens surrender.

49. Br fall back fighting

50. Dead

51. Burgoyne negotiates surrender [officers writing on papers]

52. Gates gives terms

53. Burgoyne receives message

54. Large numbers of Am troops arriving

55. Br army "ground arms" the grenadiers are crying

56. Surrender ceremony: Officers of both sides are gathered by a cannon. Salute by removing hats. Burgoyne offers his sword to Gates and Gates politely returns it.

57. Disarmed [no muskets] Br and Hessen prisoners are herded away. Some Hessens escape their captors.