Analyze the political, diplomatic, and military reasons for the United States victory in the Revolutionary War. Confine your answer to the period 1775-1783.
Political

- Locke and Enlightenment
- Patrick Henry
- Burke and Pitt: Loyalists
- Dunmore Proclamation
- Second Continental Congress: Olive Branch, General Washington, Declaration of Independence
- *Common Sense*
- Articles of Confederation
- Collapse of Lord North’s ministry
Diplomatic

- Olive Branch Petition
- French alliance: Franklin as ambassador
- Adams as ambassador to Holland
- League of Armed Neutrality
- Treaty of Paris: Adams, Franklin, Jay
- British sympathy
Military

• Patriot advantages (notes)
• Evacuation of Boston, Henry Knox
• British occupation of American cities
• No effective British blockade of Am. Coast
• Hessians
• Key important figures to cause
• Major battles