The surrender at Yorktown was a major turning point in the war because it showed that the British weren't impossible to defeat. The American revolutionaries were beginning to think that the British were simply impossible to defeat, and many of them were even signing their loyalties back to Britain. The surrender at Yorktown was just the uplifting victory they needed to get their spirits back up again. It showed that the British wasn't impenetrable, and it struck a blow for The victory at Yorktown also helped to solidify the newly-minted French and American alliance. On top of all of that, it led to the resignation of Prime Minister Lord North, which in turn led to the Treaty of Paris.