

About This Artifact

This cannon was used by Patriot soldiers during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Cannons like this one helped American colonists fight for independence from Great Britain.

Vocabulary Words

Artillery: Large weapons like cannons used in war

Patriot: A colonist who wanted independence

Revolution: A big change in government by the people

Independence: Freedom from another country's control

1 Reading Comprehension

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

During the Revolutionary War, cannons were very important weapons. Soldiers called **artillerymen** learned how to aim and fire these heavy guns. A cannon could shoot a heavy iron ball more than a mile! The loud *BOOM* of a cannon could scare enemy soldiers and horses. Cherokee County soldiers helped fight for America's freedom using weapons just like this one.

1. What were soldiers who operated cannons called?

2. How far could a cannon shoot an iron ball?

3. Why do you think the sound of cannons scared enemy soldiers?

2 True or False? ✓ or X

Circle **TRUE** or **FALSE** for each statement.

The Revolutionary War was fought for independence.

TRUE

FALSE

Cannons were small and easy to carry.

TRUE

FALSE

Patriots wanted to stay under British rule.

TRUE

FALSE

Cherokee County soldiers helped fight for freedom.

TRUE

FALSE

3 Label the Cannon Parts

Use the word bank to label each part of the cannon.

Barrel

Wheels

Carriage

Muzzle

A.



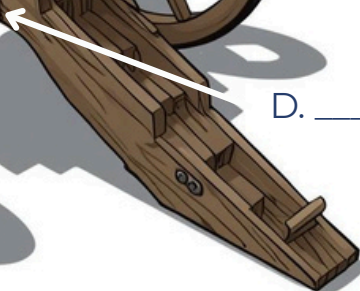
B.



C.



D.



4 Creative Writing

Imagine you are a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Write 3-4 sentences about what it would be like to use this cannon.

★ Fun Facts! ★

- ✳ A cannon could weigh as much as a car - over 2,000 pounds!
- 🐾 Teams of horses pulled cannons across battlefields.
- 🎯 Aiming a cannon took special math skills and lots of practice.
- us The Revolutionary War lasted 8 years (1775-1783).

