

British in New York

In the book *Chains*, is Laurie Halse Anderson’s **description of events** related to the presence of British troops on Long Island consistent with historical facts? Use the facts on pages 28 and 29 of *American Revolution* to determine whether her description is historically accurate.

The British had set up a new camp in Brooklyn on Long Island, and Washington was moving his troops around like pieces on a checkerboard. He sent most of his men across to face the British and others north to defend Fort Washington and Harlem.

***Chains*, p. 163**

The British thrashed the Patriots in a big battle in Brooklyn. Thrashed them but good. They killed or captured near a thousand rebels and sent the rest scurrying away.

When morning came, a thick fog covered New York; the kind Momma called a “pea-souper.” When the fog finally lifted, the American army was not to be found. Washington’s men had spent the dark night and foggy morning rowing all of the troops back to New York Island—some nine thousand men, folks said. That Washington was a conjure man, for sure.

***Chains*, pp. 169–170**

I think/do not think that Laurie Halse Anderson’s **description of events** related to British troop activities on Long Island is historically accurate because...