

Events Leading to the American Revolution

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Sugar Act

- 1764 Parliament passed the Sugar Act
- Reason: to help raise money to pay for the war
- This act taxed the sugar and molasses brought into the colonies
- Hurt shipping businesses and made colonists angry

Stamp Act

- 1765 Parliament approved another tax
- This act put a tax on many paper items in the colonies.
- Newspapers, legal documents, playing cards, and more had a special tax
- Colonists were angry because they were paying taxes with REPRESENTATION
- Representation=a voice or say in a decision.

Boycotts

- Colonists wanted these taxes to go away, so they held boycotts
- Boycott-to stop using or buying a product
- This caused the Stamp Act to be repealed
- Repealed=taken away

Townshend Acts

- 1767 Parliament passed new tax laws called the Townshend Acts
- This taxed glass, tea, paint, and paper that was brought into the colonies
- England even hired more tax collectors!
- The colonists were even more angry and boycotted more!

Boston Massacre

- These new tax collectors were like British soldiers all over the colonies
- The colonists didn't like have these soldiers in their streets
- They got so angry that fights would break out in the streets
- On March 5, 1770, a large crowd of colonists gathered around the soldiers and threw rocks and snowballs at them.
- The soldiers fired their guns
- Three colonists were killed on the spot and two others died later

Boston Tea Party

- 1773 Parliament passed the Tea Act
- This meant that colonist could only buy tea from England
- The Sons of Liberty decided to dress up as Mohawk Indians and sneak onto the boats
- Sons of Liberty-group of colonists who were mad about the new laws and wanted action!
- They dumped 300 crates of tea into the Boston Harbor

1st Continental Congress

- September 1774 Colonial leaders met in Philadelphia to discuss what to do next
- The signed a petition and sent it to King George III
- Petition-A signed request
- Congress set May 10, 1775 as a deadline for England to answer.
- Congress also voted to stop trade with England