

**American History: A Survey**  
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**Guiding Questions**  
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1. Why did the Stamp Act so antagonize the American colonists?
2. How did actions by the Stamp Act crowd raise questions of whether protests in the colonies represented more than opposition to British policies?
3. What was England's response to the American protests over the Stamp Act?
4. Explain how the policies of Charles Townshend and of Lord North differed.
5. Why did the colonists resent the Mutiny [Quartering] Act? How did they respond to the legislation? What was Townsend's counter response?
6. How did the Boston Massacre add to the growing tensions between the colonists and the British presence in North America?
7. How did the colonial view of the nature of government differ from the view held by the British?
8. What was the difference between "virtual" and "actual" representation? How was this issue at the core of the difference of opinion between England and America over the nature of sovereignty?
9. Why was the Tea Act seen by many Americans as a threat to themselves and their institutions?
10. What roles did women play in the resistance movement?
11. How and why did taverns become a central institution in colonial American social life? What circumstances and events helped make taverns central to political life as well?
12. What were the Coercive Acts? How did the Quebec Act help to unite the colonies with Boston in opposition to these acts?
13. What role was played by *Committees of Correspondence* in the American protests?
14. What were the FIVE major decisions made at the First Continental Congress? What was their significance? What was Lord North's response?
15. What were the circumstances that led to the fighting at Lexington and Concord?