

# CAUSES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



# Proclamation of 1763

- Colonist can't move West of the Appalachian Mountains
- King George enforced the proclamation by sending 10,000 British soldiers

# Stamp Act

- Added tax by the British
- Pay off debt for the French & Indian War
- Needed income to protect the Colonists
- Required on all commercial & legal documents
- Seal stamped on items to prove payment

# Sons of Liberty

- Secret Society formed by the Colonists after the Stamp Act.
- Organized as a way to go against the British (anger & protests)

# Boston Massacre

- Increase of tension & violence between the Colonists and Great Britain
- No one knows who started the violence
- Encouraged the Colonists to declare independence from Great Britain
- Paul Revere – made an engraving to prove the British were tyrants – propaganda (colonists point of view)

# Tea Act

- Tax on tea to help British economy
- Colonists ordered to buy only from British East India Company
- Forced a monopoly on import & sale of tea

# Boston Tea Party

- Colonists' angry response to Tea Act
- Destroyed cargo (tea) on British ships
- Boston Harbor, Boston, MA
- Colonists protesting all imposed acts

# Intolerable Acts

- Britain's response to the Boston Tea Party
- Made to punish the people of Boston and stop the resistance
- British Parliament passed the “Intolerable Acts”
- Britain closed the port of Boston
- Imposed hardship on Boston – could not receive or sell supplies
- Other Colonies sent supplies (food & money) to help Boston



# Details – Intolerable Acts

- Banned town meetings in Massachusetts
- Replaced elected councils with appointed ones
- Increased British Governor's power
- British officials could not be tried in colonial courts
- Forced the colonists to house British soldiers in their homes

# Thomas Paine

- ***Common Sense***, argues for [American independence](#).
- Pamphlet- encouraged the Colonists to support going to war

# Thomas Jefferson

- Considered one of the Founding Fathers of the U.S.
- Central role - drafting the Declaration of Independence.

# Declaration of Independence

- Declares human rights “all men are created equal”
- Lists the grievances against King George III
- Document declared - no longer under British rule (we want our independence)

# King George III

- Hero in Great Britain. To the colonists he was an evil tyrant.
- Put harsh reforms to tighten British control of the colonies.
- The King & Parliament, passed many laws/taxes without colonists representation or consent.
- “No Taxation without Representation” became cry for independence