Intro to America's Beginning

American Revolution

The Basics

- O Who? England vs. American Colonists
- O What? A rebellion against England that turned into a fight for independence
- **0 When?** 1765 1783
- O Where? 13 original colonies (US east cost)
- O Why? Americans rejected Parliament's authority to tax them without representation



How did it Start?

- O Taxes imposed after French & Indian War
 - O England defeated France; believed Colonists should help pay for the war debt
 - O Sugar Act, Stamp Act, Townshend Acts, Tea Act
- O The problem = Colonists lacked elected representation in England's Parliament
 - O Violates rights as Englishmen!!



QUICK SUMMARY

- O Pretend that your partner has been in the bathroom for the last 2 slides, and needs a quick summary to catch them up on what they missed.
 - O Partner A: Summarize as much as you can in 20 seconds
 - O Wait till you hear "Switch" then,
 - O Partner B: In 20 seconds, fill in the details that Partner A missed
- O Be prepared to share out key points with the class

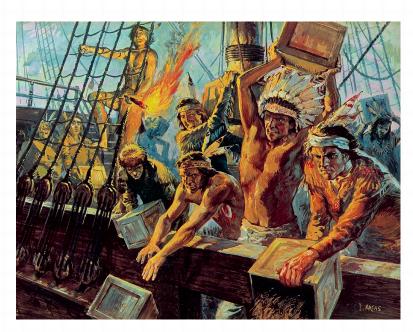
Incident #1: Boston Massacre

- O Colonists protest, riot, boycott of British goods
- O British sent more troops to Boston
- O Boston Massacre:
 - O Protesters surround British troops
 - O Troops fire
 - 0 5 Colonists killed
 - O Americans ANGRY!!
- O England withdraws all taxes except the Tea Act
- O NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!



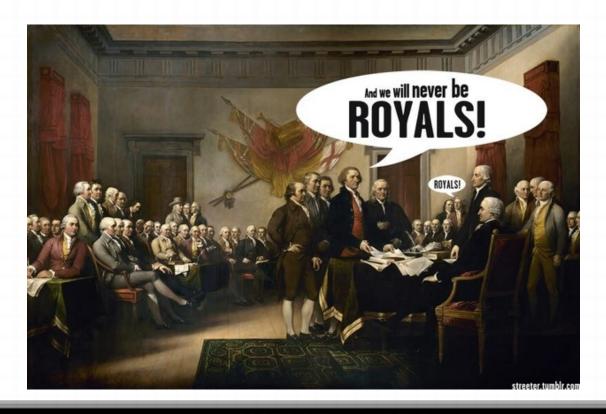
Incident #2: Boston Tea Party

- O Colonists boycotted British tea, so were smuggling, drinking Dutch tea instead
- O British lower price of their tea to undersell Dutch tea
- O Colonists forced tea ships to turn back to England
- O Massachusetts governor refused
- O "Sons of Liberty" dumped \$1mil. of tea into Boston Harbor
- O England is SUPER pissed!!!



THINK-PAIR-SHARE

- O Do you think the American Revolution could've been prevented?
- O Turn to a partner and share your response.



Incident #3: Intolerable Acts

- O England passes several Acts that severely punish the Colonists
- O Included:
 - O Restricting town meetings
 - O Closing Boston Harbor until England is paid back for the tea (hurts America's economy)
 - O Forcing Americans to house British troops in their homes
- O Colonists continue boycotts, form secret government, secret militias!



Revolution Begins!

- O Massachusetts declared in a state of rebellion
- O Soldiers ordered to disarm and arrest rebels
- O Battles of Lexington & Concord (April 1775)
 - O First armed conflict of the revolution
 - O "Shot heard round the world"



Patriot, Loyalist, or Neutral?

- OAt your table you have 6 Colonist mini-bios
- OCreate a mini-poster that:
 - O Categorize them into 3 groups: Patriots, Loyalists, or Neutral
 - **ODefine** each group (i.e. what was a Patriot? Loyalist? Neutral?)
 - O Explains why you categorized them that way
- O You can glue or tape the bios to the poster and use markers to make it look awesome ©
- OBe prepared to share your results with the class