



# Intro to America's Beginning

American Revolution

# The Basics

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



# How did it Start?

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



# QUICK SUMMARY

- 0 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.
  - 0 Partner A: Summarize as much as you can in 20 seconds
  - 0 Wait till you hear “Switch” then,
  - 0 Partner B: In 20 seconds, fill in the details that Partner A missed
- 0 Be prepared to share out key points with the class



# Incident #1: Boston Massacre

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



# Incident #2: Boston Tea Party

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



# THINK-PAIR-SHARE

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





# Incident #3: Intolerable Acts

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





# Revolution Begins!

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



# Patriot, Loyalist, or Neutral?

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