



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 England puts new taxes on Colonists after French & Indian War
 - 0 Sugar Act, Stamp Act, Townshend Acts, Tea Act
- 0 The problem = Colonists were taxed without representation in England's govt.



Event #1: 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!!



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

Event #2: Boston Tea Party

- 0 Colonists protest and boycott (refuse to buy) British tea
- 0 Protesters dumped \$1mil. of tea into Boston Harbor
- 0 England is SUPER pissed!!!



Event#3: Intolerable Acts

- 0 England passes new laws that severely punish the Colonists
- 0 Included:
 - 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!



Causes of Revolution

- 0 Select a partner **from your table**
- 0 Task: Create a mini-poster of your event
- 0 Poster must include:
 - 0 Name of event as the title
 - 0 Short description of the event
 - 0 Explanation for why it helped cause the revolution
 - 0 Relevant picture
- 0 Use computers/Internet to find info!

Exit Ticket

- 0 Form new groups (3 pairs where people have different events)
- 0 Each pair share out their poster
- 0 On your notecard:
 - 0 Write down the name of 2 events that are DIFFERENT than yours
 - 0 Write down how the events helped cause the American Revolution