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
- **O 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?

OEngland puts new taxes on Colonists after French & Indian War

O Sugar Act, Stamp Act, Townshend Acts, Tea Act

OThe problem = Colonists were taxed without representation in England's govt.



Event #1: Boston Massacre

- O Protesters surround British troops
- OTroops fire
- 05 Colonists killed
- **O** Americans ANGRY!!
- O England withdraws all taxes except the Tea Act
- **ONOT GOOD ENOUGH!!**

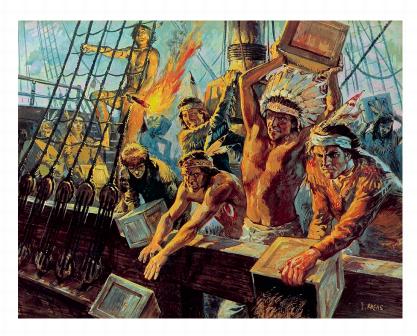


QUICK SUMMARY

- 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

Event #2: Boston Tea Party

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



Event#3: Intolerable Acts

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



Causes of Revolution

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

Exit Ticket

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