

Road to Revolution

Chapter 6

New Taxes in Colonies

- Stamp Act and Sugar Act passed by England to help pay for the debt from French Indian War
- Economically hurt the colonies in North America

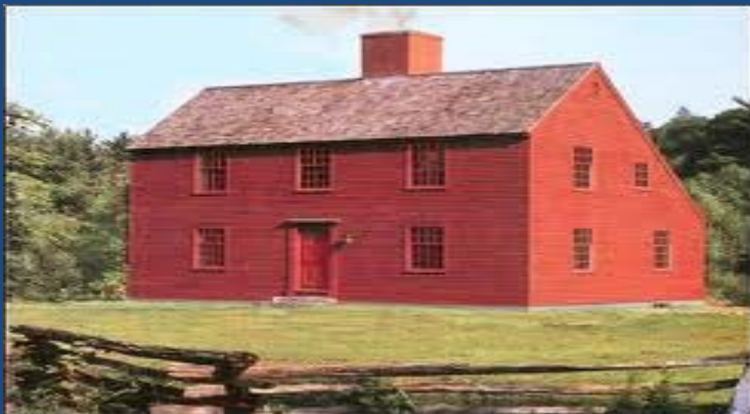


- Colonists didn't like they were forced to pay tax and had no representation in gov't back in England (“taxation without representation”)



Quartering Act

- Law forcing American colonists to house and feed British soldiers stationed in the colonies
- Hated so much by the colonists that one of the first amendments to the Constitution restricts the US gov't from doing this

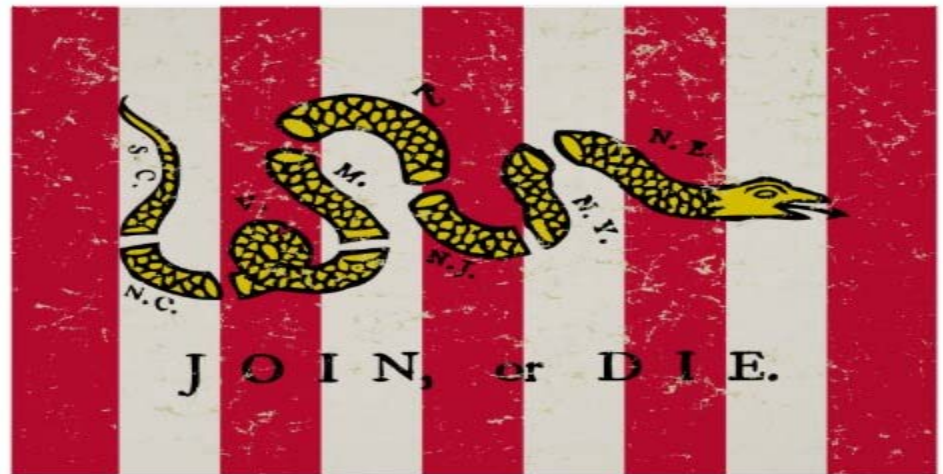


Stamp Act Congress (1765)

- Representatives from within the colonies met in NY to formally protest the new Stamp act
- This was first time the colonies united together

Sons of Liberty

- Secret society that opposed British policies and laws within the American colonies
- Sam Adams was one of its most vocal leaders



Boston Massacre (1770)

- Group of colonist surrounded British soldiers yelling at them, throwing rocks, etc at them
- British soldiers feared for their lives and fired into the crowd
- 5 colonist were killed



- The British soldiers were arrested and charged with murder
- John Adams became the lawyer for the British soldiers



- Adams convinced the jury that the soldiers acted in self defense and the soldiers were found not guilty



Boston Tea Party (1773)

- Most famous protest of the Tea Act within the colonies
- Colonists dressed as Native Americans and destroyed 342 chests of tea



Intolerable Acts

- Strict laws passed by the British to punish the American colonies
- Quickly increased tension between British and the colonists and help quicken the road to revolution

1st Continental Congress (1774)

- Met in Philadelphia
- All colonies sent representatives except for Georgia
- Decided to build an army and ban all trade with the British



Patrick Henry

- Politician from VA
- Strong supporter of war with England for the colonies independence
- “Give me liberty or give me death!”



Paul Revere

- Warned MA colonists that British soldiers were on the move
- “one if by land, two if by sea”
- Actually were two other messengers who helped him

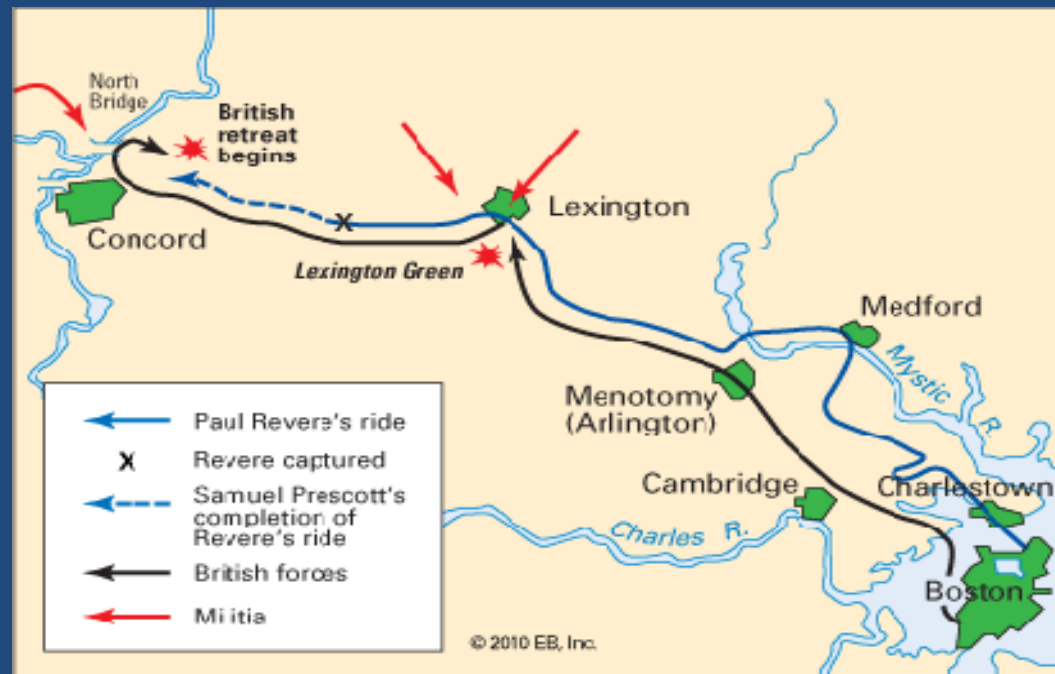


Lexington and Concord (1775)

- First battles of the Revolutionary War
- British soldiers went to Lexington to capture colonial militia soldiers
- British also went to Concord to capture weapons and supplies of the colonial militia



- “shot hear around the world”
- 4000 militia cut off the British on their way back from Concord



- 1000 British soldiers came from Boston to help the attacked British soldiers which is all that saved them from total destruction



Siege of Boston

- 15,000 colonial militia surrounded the British soldiers in Boston during spring 1775
- Plan was for the militia to cover the bays around Boston with cannons so British couldn't escape or resupply by water
- All the British soldiers eventually leave the city in spring 1776

2nd Continental Congress (1775)

- Met in Philadelphia
- Became America's gov't during the revolution
- Created the Continental Army and chose Washington as its commanding general



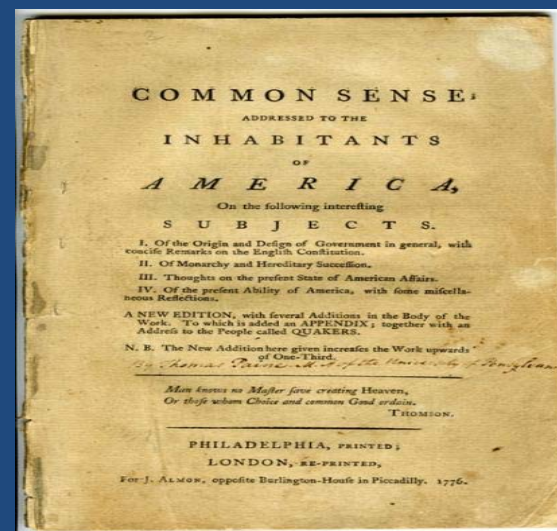
Battle of Bunker Hill

- Overlooked Boston
- British were sick of sitting during the siege and chose to attack the militia
- Loss for the Americans but inflicted high casualties on British and proved they could fight with the British and be successful



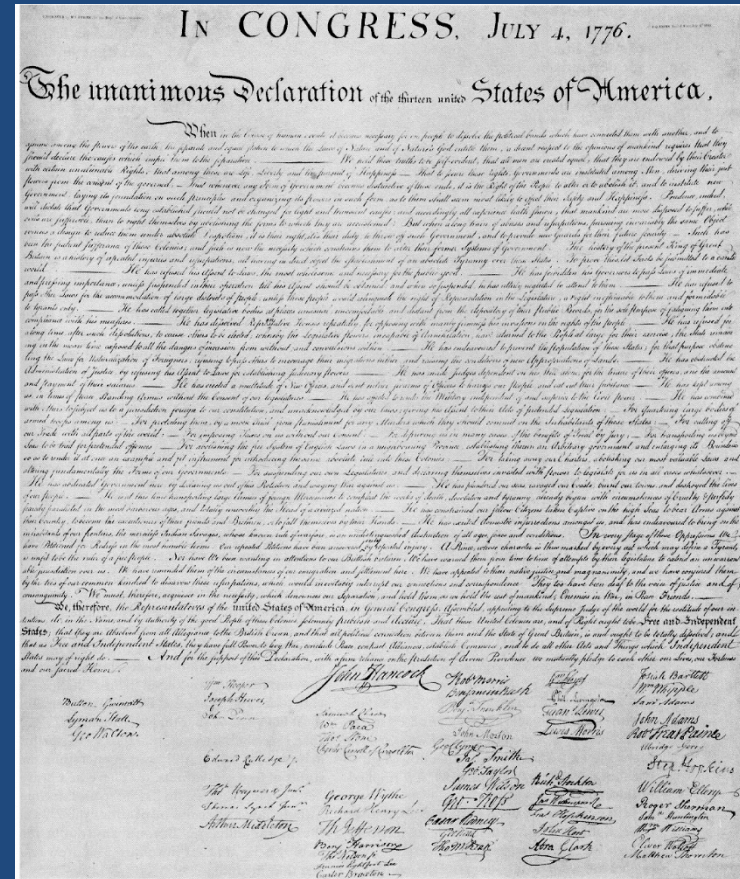
Common Sense

- Written by Thomas Paine
- Talked about need for freedom and independence
- Criticized the British govt
- Helped to spread ideas of freedom throughout the colonies



Declaration of Independence

- Written by Thomas Jefferson with input from a committee of representatives from the colonies
- Adopted July 4, 1776



- Explained why the Americans want independence and what their beliefs were for the new country
- John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress signed it last and in large letters



Founding Fathers

- Ben Franklin, John Adams, Sam Adams, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, James Madison, John Hancock