

STEPS TO REVOLUTION

Essential Question: Why were 1763 & 1776 turning points in American History?

Do Now: Identify how American colonists were represented in British parliament:

British Action	Reason for British Action	Colonial React.	Reason for Colonial Reaction
Proclamation of 1763		Resentment and failure to comply	
Sugar Act		Boston experimented with boycotts	
Currency Act		Smoldering resentment	
Stamp Act		Petitions; boycott; violence	
Repeal of Stamp Act; Passage of Declaratory Act		Rejoicing over repeal; ignoring Declaratory Act	
Townsend duties		Boycotts; petitions; newspaper attacks	
Tea Act		Protest, Boston Tea Party, boycott	
Quartering Act		Protest in assemblies	
Coercive or "Intolerable Acts"		Boycott, convening, First Continental Congress	

Lexington & Concord		Paine's "Common Sense"	
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Task: Consider the following quote:

"The Americans have made a discovery, or think they have made a discovery, that we mean to oppress them; we have made a discovery, or think we have made a discovery, that they intend to rise up in rebellion against us. We know not how to advance; they know not how to retreat." - Edmund Burke

1. How could the British have halted colonial rebellion?
2. How could the colonists have made amends with Britain?
3. Based upon the completed chart, why do you think that a compromise was not achieved between Britain and the colonies?
4. Based upon your readings and the chart, what role do you believe each of the following played in producing widespread support for independence in the colonies?
 - Inept British officials (Charles Townshend; George Grenville)
 - Dedicated Radicals (Samuel Adams; Patrick Henry)
 - Responsible Moderates (John Adams; Benjamin Franklin; Thomas Jefferson)
5. How did each of the following affect relations between the mother country and the colonies?
 - Timing of new regulations
 - Distance and lack of an easy means of communications
 - Repeals of the Stamp Act and most Townshend duties

Closure: In your own words – decide whether or not the Revolutionary War was inevitable. Defend your answer: