

Townshend Act

Taxed imports like paper, paint, lead, silk and TEA

Quartering Act

Act that required colonists to pay for the housing of British soldiers in their colonies

Proclamation of 1763

Act that forbade colonists from settling west of the Appalachian Mountains

Boston Tea Party

A protest against the Tea Act where colonists destroyed 242 chests of tea in Boston Harbor

Albany Plan of Union

In 1754 five colonies sent representatives to come up with a proposal to unite the colonies at the start of the French and Indian War to better defend them against the French

Sugar Act

a small tax on sugar, molasses and indigo

Repeal

To cancel a law or act

Boycott

To protest a company's or a country's policies by refusing to buy products from that company or country

Militia

A military unit made up of volunteer's from a community; not a professional army

Sons of Liberty

A radical protest group that first formed in Boston to protest British policies

Stamp Act

Taxed legal documents like marriage licenses, wills, birth certificates, newspapers, and playing cards

Minute Men

A well-trained member of the militia who could be ready to fight on short notice

French Indian War

England and France were old rivals that each wanted control of North America. France lost all of its land in North America except Haiti. England had a huge war debt to pay off

Allies

Friends who promise to help during a crisis

Salutary Neglect

England's policy of not enforcing trade laws (Navigation Acts)

War Debt

Money that England borrowed to win the French and Indian War and had to pay back

Sam Adams

Leader of the Sons of Liberty in Boston

Zenger

German-American colonist whose printing of articles critical of the royal governor of New York led to free press in the colonies

Smuggle

To illegally import goods into a country

Petition

A written request for some action to be taken (like for a law or act to be canceled)

Captain Thomas Preston

British officer involved in the Boston Massacre

Rebel

Noun: a person who opposes the established government
Verb: to oppose the established government

John Hancock

Wealthy merchant from Boston, member of the Sons of Liberty, helped finance the protest group

John Adams

Boston lawyer and member of Sons of Liberty who defended British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre

Tea Act	Act designed to raise money for the British East India Company by allowing it to sell tea directly to the colonists
Writs of Assistance	Documents that gave British officials permission to search homes, ships, warehouses for smuggled goods
1 st Continental Congress	Representatives from 12 colonies met in Philadelphia: 1) boycott all goods from England 2) asked for repeal of Intolerable Acts, 3) agreed to meet again the next year
Intolerable Acts	Punishment for the Boston Tea Party: 1) closed port of Boston, 2) British officials would be tried in England, 3) suspended Massachusetts legislature

Stamp Act Congress

In 1765, 9 colonies sent representative to NYC to protest the Stamp Act and ask Parliament to allow colonial legislatures to pass taxes

Loyalist

A colonist who was loyal to England (the Crown)

No Taxation without Representation

Rallying cry of colonists who wanted colonial legislatures to pass taxes instead of England's Parliament

Tyranny

A cruel or unjust government that denies rights to its citizens

Patriots	A colonist who protested British policies and later favored independence from England
Paul Revere	Member of the Sons of Liberty in Boston, famous silversmith, an alarm rider for the committees of correspondence in Boston
Boston Massacre	March 5, 1770, five colonists killed by British soldiers outside the Boston Customs House
Lexington and Concord	April 19, 1775, opening shots of the American Revolution fired outside of Boston, 73 British soldiers killed, 49 colonists killed

Knight Riders/ Committees of
Correspondence

Network of Colonial messengers
(riders on horseback) who
spread news about British
actions to all 13 colonies

Parliament

England's legislature (group of
representatives who make the
laws)