

American Revolution Cartoons

1. French and Indian War – Think of two adversaries (rivals) fighting over one very valuable prize. Label the participants and the prize.
2. Taxes, Taxes, Taxes – Think of a metaphor for taxes on merchants in the colonies. Illustrate how these taxes affected their lives.
3. Seeds of Revolution – Think of pests or little things that can get under your skin. Think about how these irritants could trouble an otherwise intimidating figure. Include the names of the firebrands (protesters) and some of their famous words. Be sure to label the target of their anger.
4. Boston Tea Party – Use hyperbole to depict the scene of the Boston Tea Party.
5. Paul Revere's Ride – Show how Paul Revere alerted the minutemen of the British advance.
6. Shot Heard Round the World – Take the poetic phrase, “The shot heard ’round the world,” and illustrate it. One approach would be to draw a map and put big ears in such cities as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Charleston, London, Paris, and Sydney. Think of a way you might depict the battle at Concord without actually drawing soldiers.
7. Committee of Five – Show how the Committee of Five revised the Declaration of Independence.
8. First, make sure you understand what “self-evident,” “endowed by their Creator,” and “unalienable” mean. Then have some fun with this section of the Declaration of Independence. Think of another creature you might substitute for “men.” Try cows, chickens, or snails. Then consider what these creatures might declare as their unalienable rights. Rewrite and illustrate your new Declaration of Independence.
9. Taking Sides – Show the three points of view that people took during the Revolution (Patriots, Loyalists, Neutralists).
10. Advantages – Draw a cartoon that depicts the advantages of each side during the Revolution.