

Essential Question

What were the major causes of the American Revolution?

Why You Should Care

The ideals of this country (like freedom) can be traced directly to its birth in the American Revolution.

**Liberty or
Death::
The Story of the
American
Revolution**





Part I: Causes

The Great Awakening

- A revival of religious spirit that favored emotional connections with God over tradition.
- Led by travelling preachers who challenged people's lack of fervor.



Brain Snack



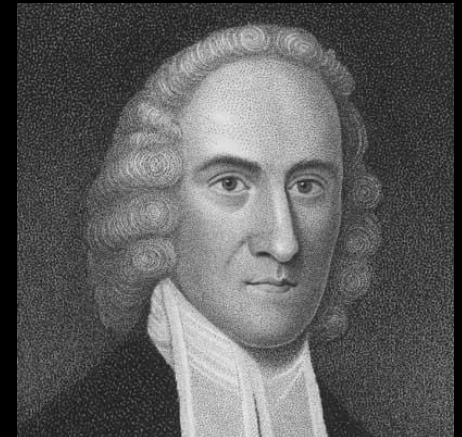
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Your damnation does not slumber; it will come swiftly, and, in all probability, very suddenly, upon many of you. You have reason to wonder that you are not already in hell. It is doubtless the case of some whom you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, and that before appeared as likely to have been alive now as you. Their case is past all hope; they are crying in extreme misery and complete despair; but here you are in the land of the living, and in the Church, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would those poor damned, hopeless souls give for one day's opportunity such as you now enjoy!

And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day where Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands calling, and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day where many are flocking to Him, and pressing into the kingdom of God. Many are daily coming from the east, west, north, and south; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are now in a happy state, with their hearts filled with love to Him who has loved them, and washed them from their sins in His own blood, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

Therefore, let every one that is without Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over a great part of this congregation. Let every one fly out of Sodom: "Hurry and escape with your lives, don't look behind you. Escape to the mountain, unless you be consumed."



The Great Awakening

- A revival of religious spirit that favored emotional connections with God over tradition.
- Led by travelling preachers who challenged people's lack of fervor.
- Encouraged people to challenge church leaders if they were not living up to expectations.
- Eliminated many religious divisions among colonists since they united behind these new ideas instead of their specific church.



The Free



No more
settlements past
the Appalachian
Mountains!

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OMG. I hate
them so
much.

It's for your
own good.

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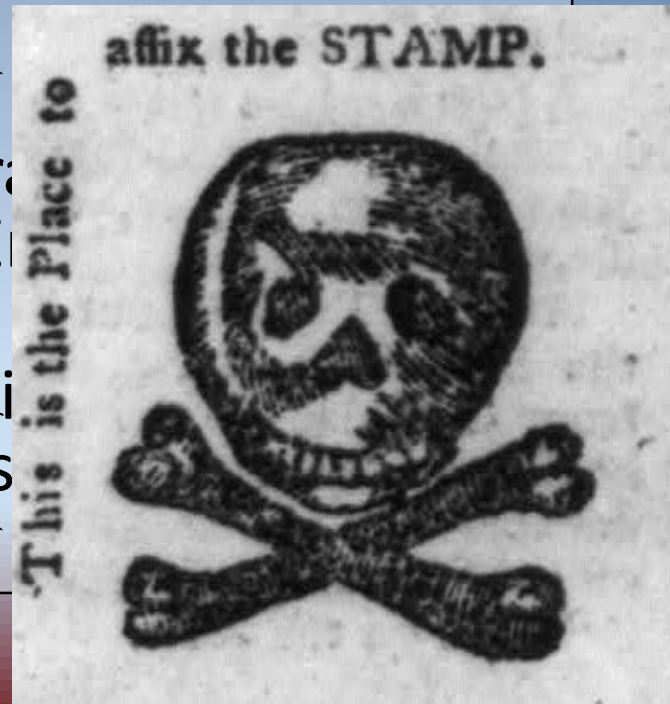
- War ends with English getting a bunch more land and agreeing they will not take any more native lands.
- Colonists aren't part of the negotiations and decide they don't have to follow the agreement.



Taxes

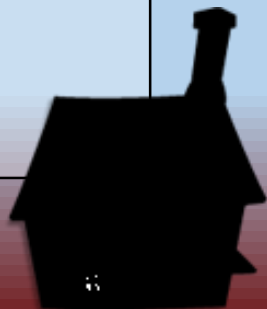
- 1764: Sugar Act – tax on imported sugar to help pay for the just finished war.
- 1765: Stamp Act – first direct tax, covered most paper goods and documents.
- 1767: Townshend Acts – used to (bribe) judges to remain loyal to B
- The real problem was “taxation without representation” not just taxes exist

William Bradford, The Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advisor, 1765



Quartering Acts

- A set of laws requiring colonists to provide housing for British soldiers.
- If they didn't build them houses then the soldiers could just live in the colonists' homes.
- The colonists were responsible for feeding them, cleaning for them, etc.
- To make it worse the soldiers were there to keep the colonists under control.



Boston Massacre

- A group of angry colonists were harassing some British soldiers.
- The British soldiers fired into the crowd killing four colonists.
- The soldiers claimed self defense.
- The colonists claimed murder.



Boston Tea Party

- The Tea Act forced colonists to buy tea only from British merchants which caused the price to rise.



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**Why would something cost
more if only one store was
allowed to sell it?**



Only Place to Buy Twilight!

It's gonna be a good
day! Cha-ching!



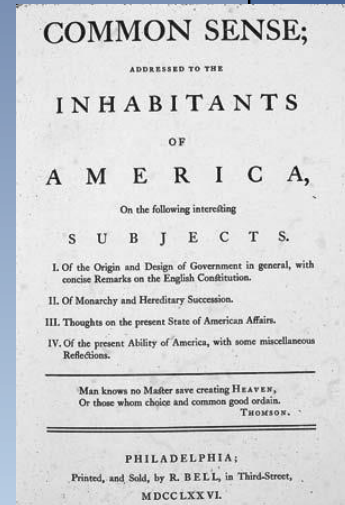
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- To protest, the colonists dressed as natives, snuck onto a British ship and threw all the tea into the harbor.



Common Sense

- A pamphlet written to persuade commoners to support independence.
- Connected the ideals of the Great Awakening to political ideals of liberty.
- Used simple arguments like:
 - An island should not rule a continent.
 - America is so far from Britain that it would take at least a year to address any problems.



Lexington and Concord

- The British heard of a weapons storehouse in the city of Concord.
- On the march they were spotted which led to Paul Revere's famous ride.
- Minutemen from the area massed and challenged them.
- Someone fired a shot...

The redcoats are coming!
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The Great Awakening 

The French and Indian War 

Taxes (Sugar, Townshend) 

Quartering Acts 

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WAAAAAR!