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What do you
remember about the
Boston Massacre &
the Boston Tea Party?



Essential Question for the Day:

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Why did the colonists want independence from England?



Objectives



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- **Why did the attitude of the colonists change?**
- **What important documents and events lead to the American Revolution?**

Quick recap from yesterday:

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1763

- Thirteen English colonies in America
- They were proud to be British, since they just helped England win the French and Indian War
- England did not interfere much with the colonies, and the colonists were happy with that

1765

- England's popularity faltered quickly after the French and Indian War.
- They started to pass taxes upon the colonists.
- The colonists were outraged.
- They yelled,
"NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION!"

Next Stop: Destiny

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On April 19, 1775 British soldiers confronted colonial militiamen on a field in Lexington, a town outside of Boston. When the Militiamen refused to disperse, the British troops fired, killing eight colonists. Although the colonists retreated, they returned the next day and drove the British soldiers back to Boston. One poet remarked that the militiamen had **“fired the shot heard round the world.”**

The American Revolutionary War had begun.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZMmPWTwTHc>

How would your life be different if those shots wouldn't have been fired?

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slot of students over time

We would probably still be ruled and over taxed by the british

America would we maybe wouldnt have the freedom we have today

still be

underpower by there wouldnt be no justice

Great

Britain.

-Cassie

we would still be under

We would be ruled by the british

America will still be under control of the british

America would be very, very different.

Common Sense in the American Revolution??

Common Sense in the American Revolution...

Thomas Paine



- Embraced the Enlightenment ideas
- Wrote a “pamphlet” titled *Common Sense*.
- *Common Sense* became like Twilight or Harry Potter of the time.
- Everyone was reading it, and it called for American Independence.

A Continent ruled by an Island?

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Let??s read an excerpt from ??Common Sense??

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"But Britain is the parent country, say some. Then the more shame upon her conduct. Even brutes do not devour their young, nor savages make war upon their families... Europe and not England, is the parent country of America. This new world hath been the asylum for the persecuted lovers of civil and religious liberty from *every part* of Europe."

- So why isn't England America's "parent?"

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"The powers of governing still remaining in the hands of the king, he will have a negative over the whole legislation of this continent... He hath shewn himself... an inveterate enemy of liberty..."

-So why was the king not a proper power to govern the American people?

Which came first?

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- We talked about the beginning of the American Revolution – the “shot heard round the world”
- But we didn’t talk about the Declaration of Independence at all.
- So which came first?



Let??s take a look at the time line:

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1760 1765 1770 1775

1763
English colonists are feeling good after the French/Indian War. Proud to be British.

1770
Boston Massacre

1773
Boston Tea Party

1775
"Shot heard round the world"
the start of the revolution

1776
Colonies declare independence

How many years after the "shot heard round the world" did we declare our independence from Great Britain?

A. 1
B. 2
C. 5
D. 10

What happened on July 4, 1776?

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Why do we
celebrate every
year on July 4th?

Colonists declared their independence from Great Britain

1776

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Thomas Jefferson

WHO AM I?

- A brilliant, young representative from Virginia drafted the Declaration of Independence
- Based on the philosophy of
 - *Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness*
 - *The right of people to alter and get rid of old government and make a new one*



Fighting the Revolution



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George Washington

WHO AM I?



- I was a great leader and commander
- I kept my army together through the grueling winter at *Valley Forge*
- I defeated the British at the battle of Yorktown.

Homework:

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Exit Ticket:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w19nOa04XBPLto3B5eOAN430km7n>



- **Homework:** Start Unit 10 Homework in Sapphire (complete questions **1-12**) 😊

