

## EVENTS LEADING TO THE REVOLUTION

### What actions led to the American Revolution?

Actions by both **Great Britain** and the **American colonists** led to the American Revolution.

#### Actions of the British:

1. Parliament raised the colonists' taxes to pay for the costs of the French and Indian War. All products printed on paper, like newspapers and playing cards, were required to have a stamp attached to them. This law was called the **Stamp Act**.



2. The **Townshend Acts** raised taxes on lead, glass,



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3. When British soldiers shot and killed five colonists who were throwing snowballs at them, it was called the **Boston Massacre**.
4. The law that closed the port of Boston was called the **Intolerable Acts**.
5. The **Quartering Act**, part of the Intolerable Acts, required colonists to let British soldiers live in their homes.



## Actions of the Colonists:

1. To protest the taxes, the colonists stopped buying products from Great Britain. This action is called a **boycott**.
2. The **Sons of Liberty** destroyed the houses of the people collecting taxes for Great Britain.
3. The **Daughters of Liberty** helped with the boycott of British products.
4. To protest the tax on tea, the colonists dumped chests of British tea into Boston Harbor. This action became known as the **Boston Tea Party**.

Finally, in **1774**, a meeting of colonists was held to try to improve the colonists' relationship with Great Britain. This meeting was called the **First Continental Congress**. Will the problems between Great Britain and the American colonists be resolved, or will there be a **Revolutionary War**?



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