

Road to Revolution Chart

Pontiac's Rebellion:

Native American's attack colonists mostly in the Ohio River Valley, as colonists moved west after the F&I War

British Action:

Proclamation Line of 1763, to stop warfare and spending, protection

American Reaction:

Suspicion and disbelief, don't honor the line, they feel they earned the land and need the land

Sugar Act 1764:

Revenue

Halved the duties on foreign sugar to stop smuggling

Introduced Vice-Admiralty Courts for smugglers

British Action:

Raise revenue (and stop smuggling)

American Reaction:

Protesting, mostly merchants

Admiralty Courts:

To stop smuggling so England could collect proper duties (mercantilism)

These are military courts

One judge, no jury

(10% of your cargo goes to judge if you are guilty)

British Action:

\$\$ and enforcement of the Navigation Acts

American Reactions:

Outraged!

Besides it is now a military court that is also ONLY in Halifax Canada

Stamp Act 1765

Revenue

Special paper or a stamp affixed to all legal documents, newspapers, even playing cards,

Hits ALL colonists

1st direct tax

British Action:

With debt so high this would bring in \$\$, doing it in England

American Reaction:

Outrage - boycotts and harassment of tax collectors

Lawyers (like Patrick Henry) jumped on opposing this

Stamp Act Congress - only our elected representatives can tax us

Quartering Act 1765

Colonists must house/feed soldiers

British Action:

Soldiers protect colonists so they should 'pay' for that protection

American Reaction:

NOT happy

Townshend Duties 1768

New duties of goods like tea, paint, glass

\$ paid crown officials so they are no longer under the colonial assemblies control

Troops stationed at ports (to prevent harassment)

Writs of Assistance

British Action:

Tighten control over colonists

\$\$for crown

American Reaction:

Boston Massacre! - troops took jobs

John Dickinson's *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania* - you can regulate commerce but not pass taxes without our representation!

Boycotts

Tea Act 1773:

Reduced tax on tea for the British East India Company

- Now colonists get cheap tea and this company's tea will be sold (many Parl. members own this company)

American Action:

Refused to purchase this tea

Boston Tea Party! Organized by the Sons of Liberty

British Reactions:

Intolerable Acts (Coercive Acts and Quebec Act) + Martial Law for Boston

1st Continental Congress 1774

September meeting of all colonies (except GA) representatives

American Action

Boycotts

Suffolk Resolves - repeal Intolerable Acts

Defend what colonists have done

Set up Committees Safety

Parl. can regulate trade but not internal affairs

British Action:

Send additional troops to rebellious MA

Battle of Lexington and Concord 1775

Gen. Gage orders men to take illegal arsenal in Concord

Shot heard around the world at Lexington on way

1st battle

British Action:

British leave Boston go through Lexington

They meet "Committee Men"

Shots exchanged

Onto Concord - find nothing

Back to Boston

American Reaction:

Paul Revere "Midnight ride"

Hit in Lexington

Defend Concord

Snipe at British on way to Boston

Set up in hills surrounding Boston

2nd Continental Congress 1775

Became the national government

Recognized Continental Army and Washington

Print \$

Deal with foreign affairs

Send Olive Branch Petition

Later - Create Declaration of Independence

American Action:

Recg. army and Washington, create a navy, create post office - becoming a government

Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms

British Reaction:

Ignored Olive Branch Petition

Treat colonies as rebelling

King George III rejects Olive Branch Petition

July 1775 Americans pledge loyalty and ask King to intercede with Parliament

American Action:

One last attempt at peace

Still value being part of the British Empire

British Reaction:

Parliament's Prohibitory Act - Aug '75

Declares colonies to be in a state of rebellion

Forbid trading between colonies and England

Declaration of Independence 1776

Committee drafts, Jefferson writes

Principles of Locke

Contract theory of Government

American Action:

Conciliatory actions not working

Justified American secession

British reaction:

NO! Remember mercantilism and war debt