

# REVOLUTIONARY WAR CAUSES

The Revolutionary War began in 1775 and was fought for independence from Great Britain. There were several factors that led the 13 colonies to fight for independence and become their own nation, starting with taxation.

One of the factors that led to the war was the debt (money owed) of the French and Indian War. The French and Indian War, 1754 to 1763, was fought by the colonists against New France. Each side had Native Americans as their allies, and the colonists also had Britain's help. Britain sent troops to the colonies to help them fight the French. Every war costs money, and Britain needed the money to help pay for the troops and supplies. British troops were also stationed in the colonies after the war for protection. The British Parliament (government) believed the colonists should pay the debt since it was their war and for this reason, they taxed the colonists unfairly.

Before 1764, the British government allowed the 13 colonies to govern themselves. As time went on, Britain continued imposing new taxes and laws on the colonies. There were many taxes collected through British laws such as the Sugar Act and Stamp Act. The Stamp Act placed a tax on all printed goods, like newspapers and playing cards. The colonists did not believe any of these laws were fair and started the motto "no taxation without representation". This meant that the colonies did not believe they should be taxed because they did not have representatives in the British Parliament.

Tensions rose as the British government started to become more involved with the 13 colonies. Protests erupted as the colonists became more and more angry. A group of Patriots in Boston was called the Sons of Liberty.

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Where did the First Continental Congress meet?



Virginia



Cleveland



New York



Philadelphia

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Who were the colonists fighting in the French and Indian War?



Ireland



Great Britain



Spain



New France

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When was the Boston Tea Party?



1770



1773



1776



1782

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What act placed a tax on all printed goods?



Townshend Acts



Stamp Act



Tea Act



Intolerable Acts

11 What were the Intolerable Acts also known as?



Coercive Acts



Stamp Act



Sugar Act



Townshend Acts

12 When was the Boston Massacre?



1773



1776



1770



1779

13 At the time, who was the king of Great Britain?



King George III



King James II



King George IV



King James III

14 What does 'repeal' mean?



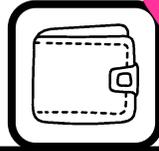
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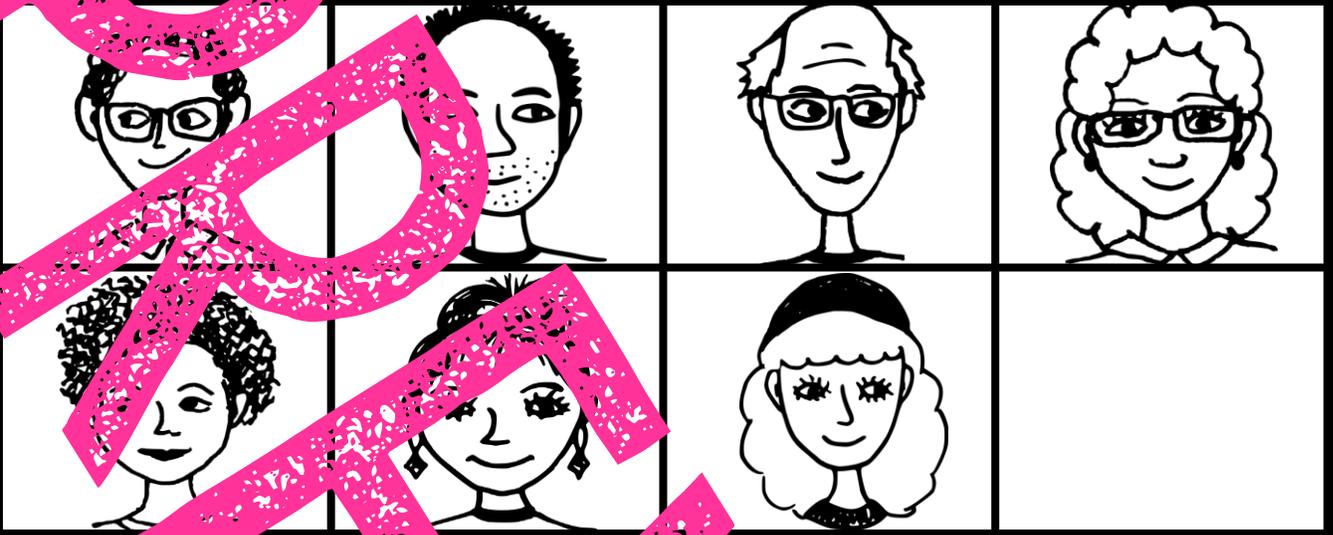


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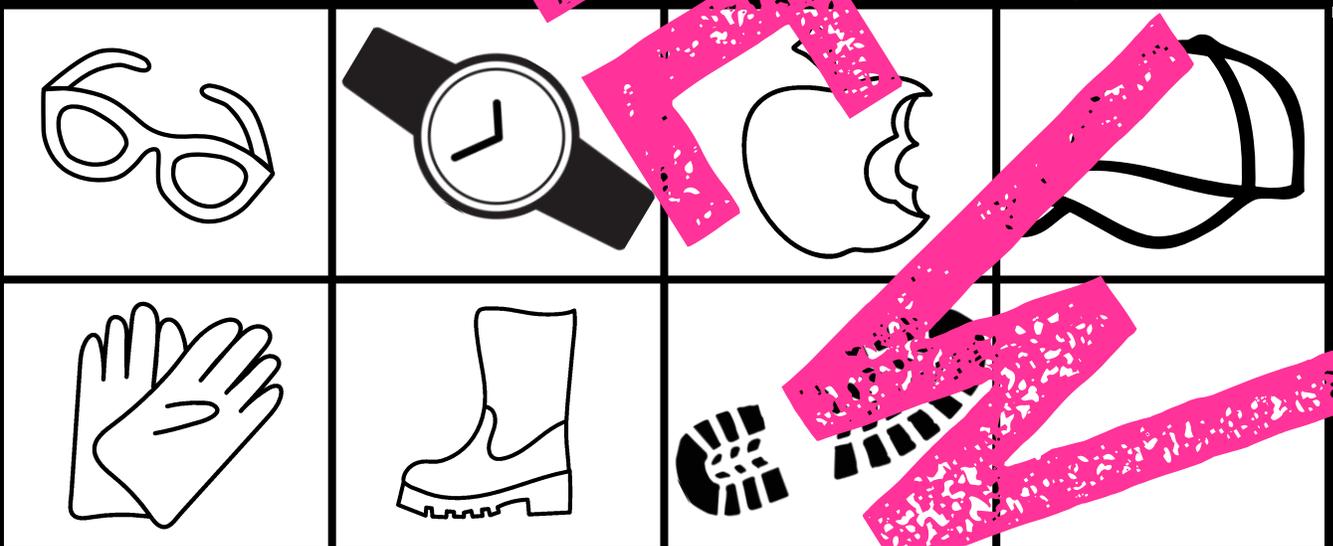
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