

SONS OF LIBERTY

The Sons of Liberty were groups of colonists that first formed in 1764. They protested against British rule and the unfair laws they forced on the American colonies. The groups formed after a series of events, starting with the French and Indian War.

The French and Indian War began in 1754. The colonists would fight New France to control America. Great Britain sent troops to aid the colonists. Sending their troops and supplies meant that Britain went into great debt (owed money). To pay off this debt, they began forcing taxes on the colonists without allowing them to have a say in Parliament (Britain's government).

One of these unfair taxes was called the Stamp Act. It came in the form of a stamp that was required on all legal documents, as well as almost every other printed paper product. Some items that required a stamp were newspapers, certificates, and calendars. There were British agents (workers) stationed everywhere, requiring the stamps. The act was passed in March of 1765 by the British Parliament. Even though the colonists voiced their opinion that they did not believe this tax was fair, Britain did not listen to their concerns. The colonists would chant that they had "no taxation without representation", meaning they should not have to pay a tax when they didn't have someone speaking on their behalf in Parliament.

The first Sons of Liberty group was formed in Boston from an organized protest of the Stamp Act in 1765. The group was originally known as the Loyal Nine. They would try to force the British agents to leave their posts by threatening them. The group even used the tar and feather method to punish or humiliate the government officials. Eventually, most of the stamp agents quit and left, and with continuous protests, Britain repealed (removed) the Stamp Act in February of 1766.

Soon, there were secret groups of the Sons of Liberty across the

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The Sons of Liberty adopted their own flag with _____ vertical stripes.



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When were the Sons of Liberty first formed?



1764

1787

1773

1775

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Which act required taxes on goods such as paint, lead, and glass?



Stamp Act

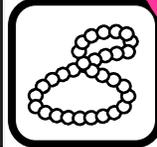
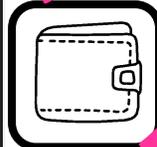
Tea Act

Quartering Act

Townshend Act

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What is the British government also known as?



Senate

Parliament

Dental Office

Burglar Alarm

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Why did the colonists fight in the French and Indian War?



Germany



Spain



Colonial Britain



New France

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The Sons of Liberty started because of their opposition to the ____.



Townshend Act



Tea Act



Intolerable Acts



Stamp Act

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At the time, who was the king of Britain?



King James II



King George III



King James III



King George II

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What does 'debt' mean?



Money earned



Money owed



Money saved

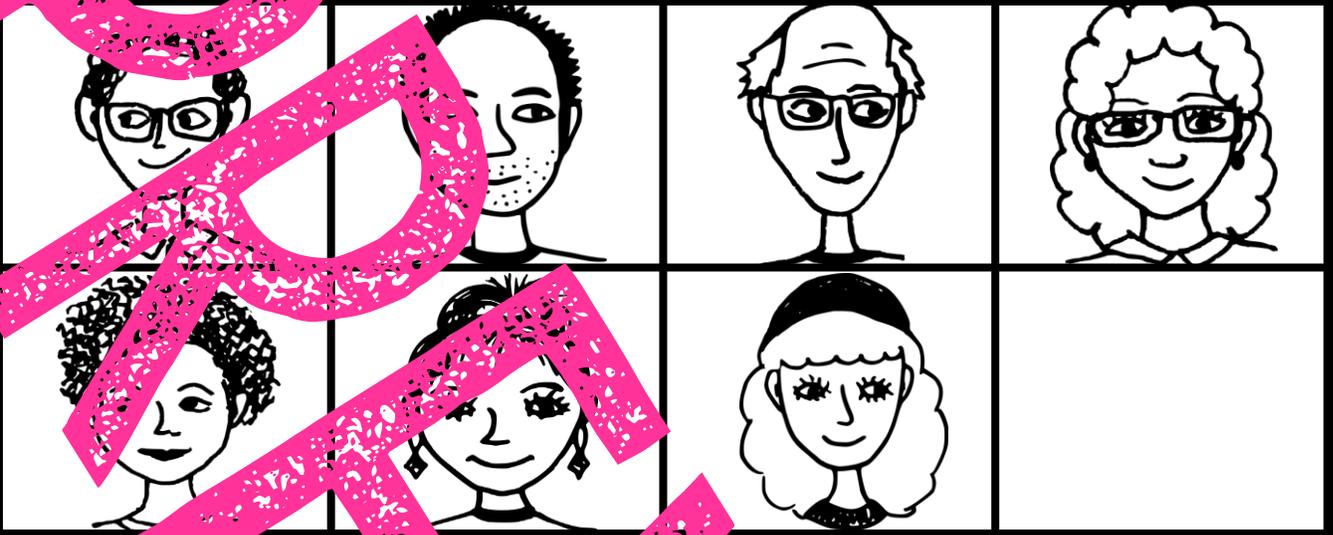


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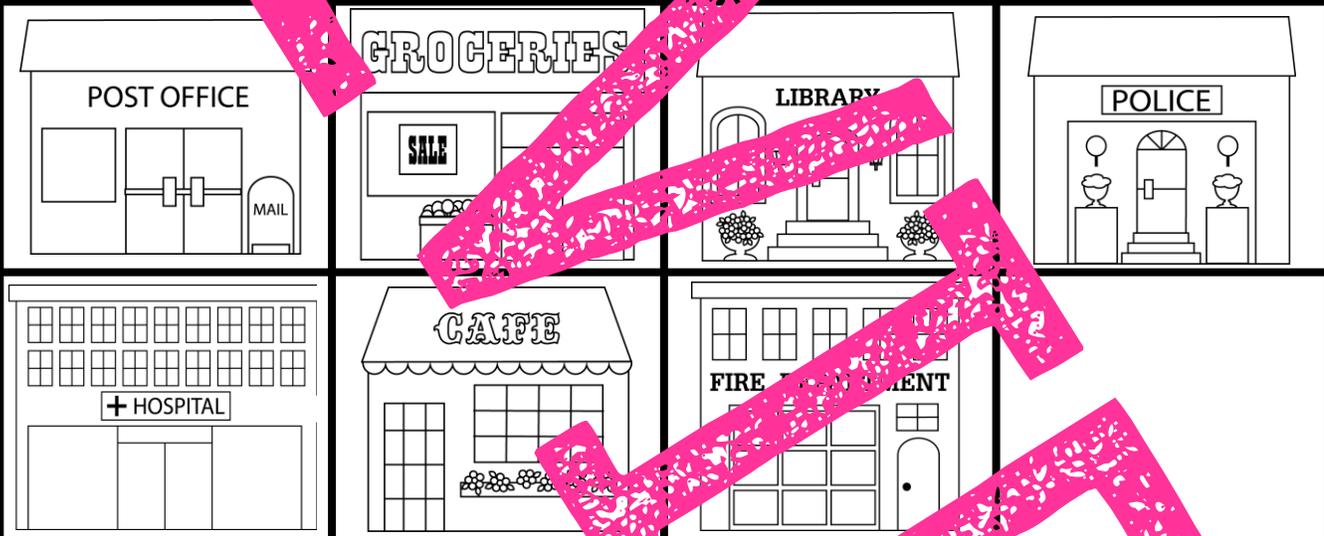
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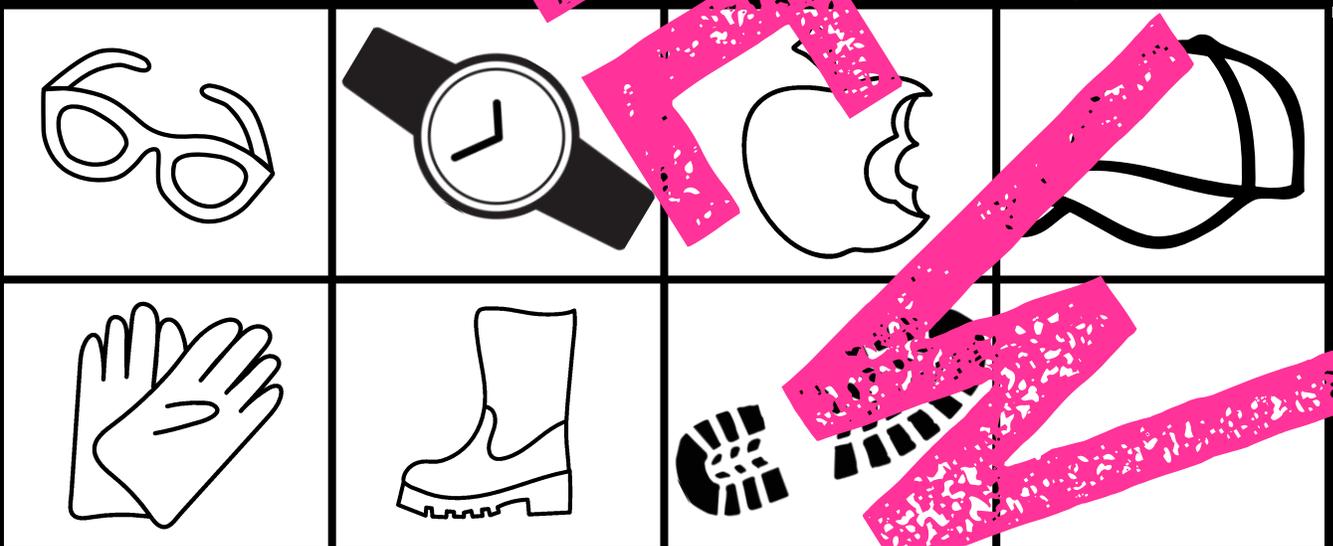
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