



THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CAUSES

French and Indian war

Also known as the Seven Years War, this war was fought over conflicting territorial claims between the French and British in the Ohio River Valley.

The British victory resulted in virtual expulsion of the French in North America, and the rationalization of taxing the Americans to recoup monetary losses.



Stamp Act

- o The 1765 Stamp Act required colonists to pay a tax (in the form of a stamp) on printed documents, various licenses, and other goods. Colonists rebelled and terrorized British tax collectors.



Townshend Acts

- o The Townshend Acts of 1767 authorized Parliament to issue taxes on in-demand imports such as glass, lead, paint, paper and tea. British soldiers had to be brought into Boston to prevent an uprising.



Boston Massacre

- o Tension over the presence of British troops in Boston led to the Boston Massacre, the first episode which resulted in the loss of life. Four Bostonians were killed when Redcoats fired into an angry mob.



Boston Tea Party



Angry Bostonians known as the Sons of Liberty boarded a British tea vessel dressed as Indians and dumped all of its tea into Boston Harbor in protest of the Tea tax. This event resulted in the Intolerable Acts.

Questions

1. Why is the Seven Years War considered one of the causes of the American Revolution?
2. What is the Stamp Act?
3. What is the Townshend Act?
4. What can you tell me about the Boston massacre?
5. What did happen in the Boston tea party?

The Revolutionary war

Reading comprehension