

CH. 3, SEC. 1 – OUTLINE

The Beginnings of a Revolution

I. FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

1. A meeting of delegates from each colony in Philadelphia to decide about peace or war with Britain.
2. Colonists stopped trade with Britain, prepared the army for war, and wrote a “Declaration of Rights” (which King George refused).

II. “SHOT HEARD ‘ROUND THE WORLD

1. The colonists had a weapons storehouse in Concord, Massachusetts that the British wanted to destroy.
2. Paul Revere warned the minutemen that the British were coming, so the colonists met the British @ Lexington.
3. Nobody knows who fired the first shot, but the British (Redcoats) continued on and destroyed the weapons.

III. SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

1. In May 1775, the Massachusetts militia became the Continental Army led by George Washington.

A. BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

1. The British had to fight their way up the hill and retreated twice.
2. Although the colonists ran out of ammunition and had to retreat, this battle proved that the colonists were capable of beating the British.

B. BRITISH RETREAT FROM BOSTON

1. On January 3, 1775, George Washington used cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to beat the British. (British guns couldn’t reach the top of the hill).

