

STAMP ACT - 1765

- Required colonists to **pay** for official stamp **when they bought paper items**

- Legal Documents
- Newspapers
- Licenses
- Pamphlets
- Playing Cards

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- SONS OF LIBERTY:

- **Samuel Adams** (used violence to frighten tax collectors)

- PATRICK HENRY:

- **Speech** to House of Burgesses **about violating colonists' rights**

- Pressure from Colonists.....Parliament
REPEALED Stamp Act.....Angered British officials.....

TOWNSHEND ACT

- British **Parliament** placed **taxes** on: (1767)
 - Glass
 - Tea
 - Lead
 - Paint
 - Paper

- WRITS OF ASSISTANCE:

- **British** Tax Collectors could **search** for smuggled goods

- DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY:

- Supported **Boycotts** of **British goods**

TOWNSHEND ACT

Power **AWAY** from colonies.....Power **TO** British Parliament

- 1) **British** tax collectors **took LIBERTY** ship on suspicion of smuggling
- 2) **Angered** Sons of Liberty..... so they **attacked** British officials
- 3) **British soldiers** called to **Boston** to restore order

BOSTON MASSACRE

(1770)

- 1) **British Soldier** **hits** a colonist after argument
- 2) Crowds gather around (**colonists**)
- 3) More **British** troops arrive
- 4) **British Soldiers** **fire into crowds**
 - Instantly kills 3 men..... **CRISPUS ATTUCKS** is 1st casualty of American Revolution

BOSTON MASSACRE

- 5) **Boston Courts** find soldiers **NOT GUILTY**
 - (Said they acted in self-defense)
- 6) **Colonists** still angry.....
Tension continues to rise

BOSTON TEA PARTY

- **BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY** (sell tea directly to colonists @ lower price)
 - Less smuggling - More tax \$
- Colonists feared it would put them **out of business**
- **SONS OF LIBERTY** demanded the ships leave !!!
- Massachusetts governor said, "NO! Ships can't leave until colonists pay the tax!"

BOSTON TEA PARTY

- British Captains waited in harbor over night because of confusion
 - Colonists disguised as **Indians** sneak onto 3 ships
 - Dump over 340 chests of tea into **Boston Harbor**
- 1773

INTOLERABLE ACTS

- 1774
- **BRITISH PARLIAMENT** passed these laws because **angry @ Boston Tea Party**
 - 1) **Boston Harbor closed to trade** until colonists paid for ruined tea
 - 2) Massachusetts **charter cancelled**

INTOLERABLE ACTS

- 3) Any Royal official (**British**) accused of a crime **sent to Britain for trial**..... (more friendly judge & jury)
- 4) **General Thomas Gage** (**British** official) became new **governor** of **Massachusetts**

CONFLICT in the COLONIES