**Coercive Acts/Intolerable Acts**

* Boston Harbor closed
* Military Governor, backed by more troops
* Council will be appointed, not elected
* Prohibits town meetings
* How does this comport with the colonists’ rights as Englishmen
* Government is a coercive thing
  + You are required to have loyalty to the state you reside in

**Continental Congress**

* The elite of the colonies met in 1774 to articulate a response
  + Every state but Georgia
  + They meet in Philly
  + They don’t declare independence immediately
    - Slow to do so
    - First time for the colonies to work together

**Lexington and Concord**

* The colonists start to arm themselves just in case
* A new governor is elected and there is now a crackdown on this gathering of arms
* Lexington: there were 70 minutemen (colonial soldiers) were waiting there
  + There was a skirmish and this was the shot heard around the world
  + Win for the colonists

**Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense***

* Started to make the Olive Branch Petition
  + Offered to the King, blaming the ministers and not the King
  + This was ultimately shot down and the colonists were called traitors
  + In response he sent more troops to the colonists
  + People who favored independence were from Massachusetts
    - All things they did in Boston
    - Led the revolution in a sense
    - Most radical
  + That’s where all the Redcoats were

**Declaration of Independence**

* First drafted by Thomas Jefferson
* Blamed the King for mobilizing Indians
* July 4th, 1776
* Natural Rights
* Appeal to reason
* Takes after John Locke

**Review: Broad Trends Contributing to the American Revolution**

* Contradictions between ideas of the English Enlightenment( the rights of Englishmen) and mercantilism.
  + Trade of ideas
  + Mercantilism: maximum export. They could only trade with England. Other countries were not allowed
* Breakdown of religious authority through the Great Awakening, secularization, the Enlightenment in Philly and other cities, deism, etc……
  + Dslfksdnfsdn
* Changing American perspectives on geopolitics after the French and Indian War
  + No more “Frogs on the American Continent”
  + More land for the Americans

**How are the British Viewed**

* Well