

## 1 | Pontiac's Rebellion (Ottawa)

- Chief Pontiac builds alliances and fights the British to control Ohio River Valley
  - *numerous attacks*
- Thousands of Brits killed
- Government says you can't settle across the proclamation line because not worth it
  - Annoys settlers since they fought the French only to give it the Native American
  - British send smallpox laden blankets to Indian

## 2 | Colonial Reactions

- Proclamation line not respected

## 3 | George Grenville

- New treasurer focused on balancing debt for Britain
- Levies heavier taxes within England
  - Triggers protest
- American colonies paid way less originally
  - Rampant bribery and tax evasion in the colonies

### 3.1 | Program

- Reasoned that if they payed to do it illegally they'd pay a bit more to do it legally
- Sugar Act - tariff on molasses
- Currency Act - prevent usage of other currencies (British currency worth less so this made people poorer)
- Quartering Act - colonists had to house and feed British soldiers
- Stamp Act - tax on legal documents
- Colonists now tried in *British* courts
- Taxation without representation - colonists did not vote for Parliament but had to pay tax

## 4 | Colonial Response

- Colonial assemblies pass resolutions not allowing British taxes
- Anti-British propaganda increases
- Sons Of Liberty - an extremist group - become more mainstream. Terrorize tax collectors by burning down houses.

## 5 | British Response

- Declaratory Act - repeal stamp act yet assert authority
- Townshend Act - taxes on lead, paper, glass, etc.

## 6 | Colonial Response

- Ban on British trade
- "Daughters of Liberty" - movement for homespun clothing and colonial goods
- "Letter from a Farmer" - suggests boycotting all British goods

## 7 | Boston Massacre

- Crowd surrounds customs house and throws snowballs at redcoats
- Redcoats panic, fire, kill 5
- Tensions grow

## 8 | Colonial Resistance

- British ship is burned in 1772
- 1773 parliament passes tea act that subsidizes tea and give monopoly to East India Trading Company
- 50 men throw 90000 pounds of tea into ocean (worth 4 million dollars today)

## 9 | Empire Strikes Back

- 1174 Parliament passes "Coercive Acts" or "Intolerable Acts" to centralize British power
  - Closing Boston port until East India Company repaid
  - MA Government is disbanded and handed to royal officials
  - Impartial Administration of Justice Act - all tax evasion tried in *England*.
  - Quartering Act - more housing of British troops
  - Quebec Act - permanent government in Canada with no assembly
- Colonists are not a fan of this.

## 10 | **Continental Congress**

- Colonists focus on what Parliaments limits should be
- Still see themselves as British
  - Acknowledge the king as being good
- Only colonies can tax themselves

## 11 | **British Response**

- Response with force
- Colonial militia bands together to force British to retreat to Boston so they couldn't interrupt Continental Congress