



Revolution, American Style

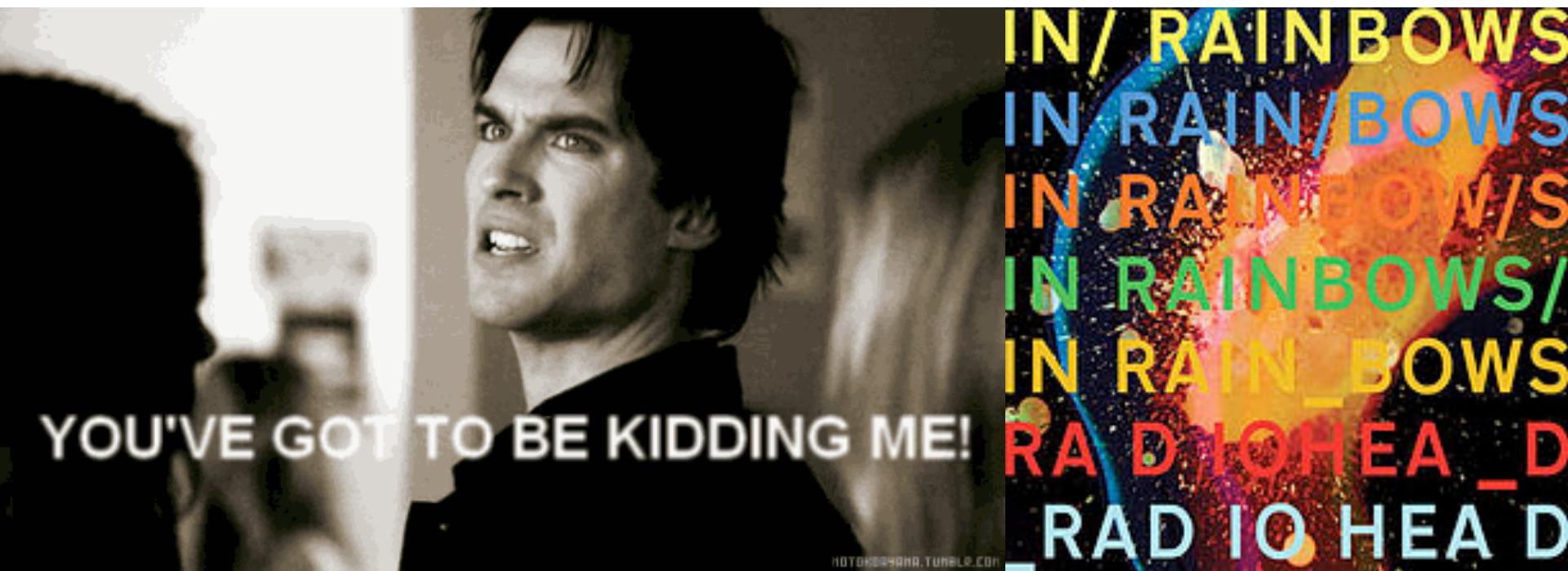
The Onset of the Revolutionary War

Brief Review

- **Committee of Correspondence** – Sam Adams
- **1st Continental Congress**
 - Philly, 1774
 - No GA
 - Next step?
 - Declaration of Resolves – We can stay together, but I'm keeping my old apartment
 - Trade boycott
 - GIII demands Gage put down rebellion...

British Preparation?!

- **North** – Tries to pacify colonists by letting them tax themselves and give an undetermined portion to GB
- **Gage** asks for 20K troops in preparation for rebellion, **GIII** gives him 3500



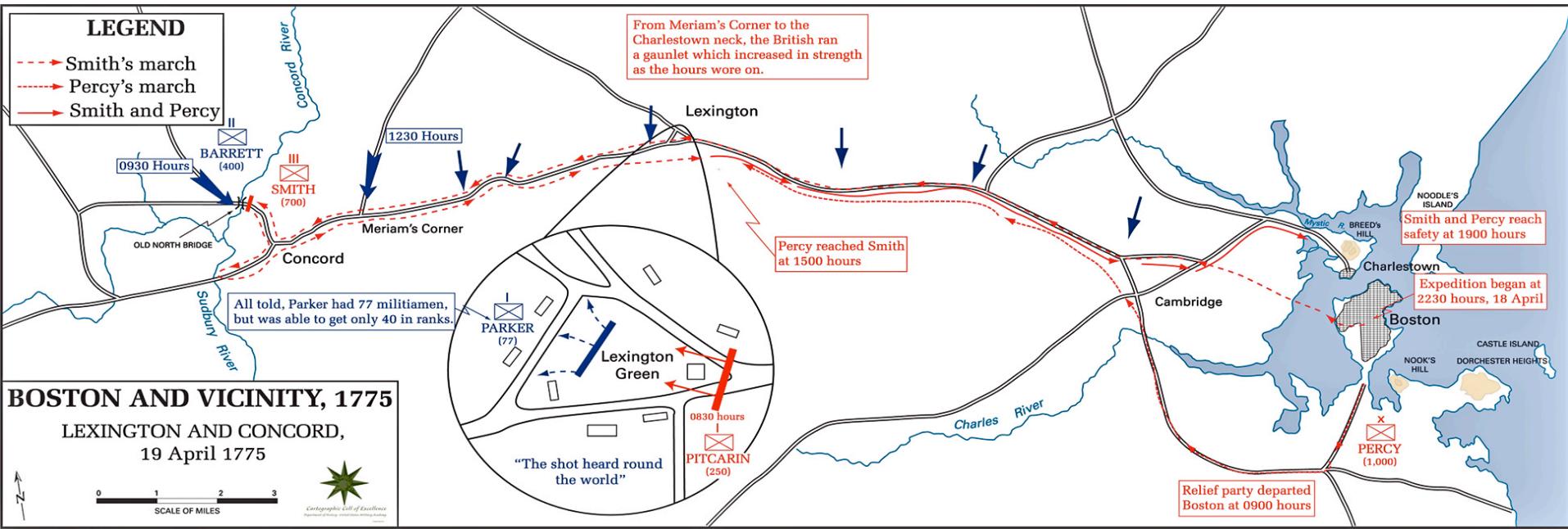
Paul Revere's Ride

- 4/19/1775 – Gage wants to secretly seize munitions
- Revere hangs TWO lanterns on the Old North Church, indicating a British attack by SEA. →
- Revere, Dawes, and Dr. Prescott warn **minutemen**



Shot Heard Round the World

- Lexington – British order colonists to leave, but someone fired the infamous “shot” →
 - 8 Colonists killed, 10 wounded
- Concord – Brits burn courthouse → as they retreat to Boston, colonists use guerilla tactics to kill 73, wound 174 (only 5 total KIA)



Second Continental Congress

- May 10, 1775
- Militia → Continental Congress
- Named **Gen. Washington** as commander-in-chief
- Issued paper money to support troops
- Committee to negotiate w/ foreign countries
- Chose resistance but did not want to separate from ENG
- Par. Responds by sending 25,000 more troops → totaling 40K in Col.



Bunker Hill (6/17/1775)

- Gen. Howe attacks Col. entrenched on hill (2200 Brits vs. 1200 Col.)
- Howe charged twice and was repulsed; then Col. low in ammo, succumb to Brits (**Pyrrhic victory**)
- → British Naval blockade of Col. harbors
- → 140 Am dead (450 cas), 226 Brits (1K+ cas)

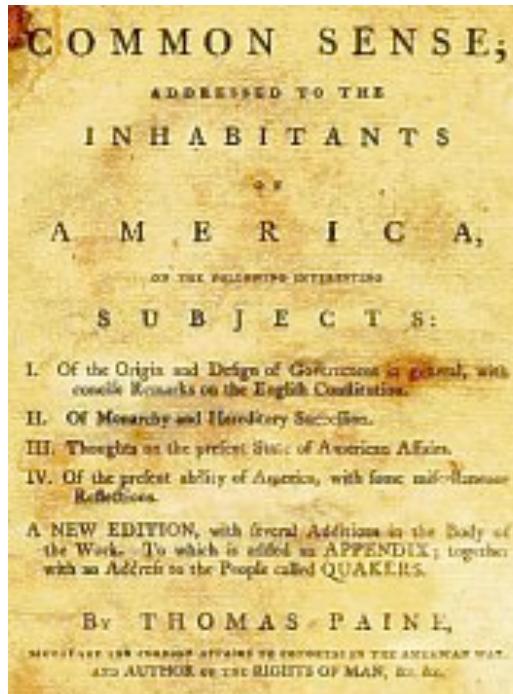
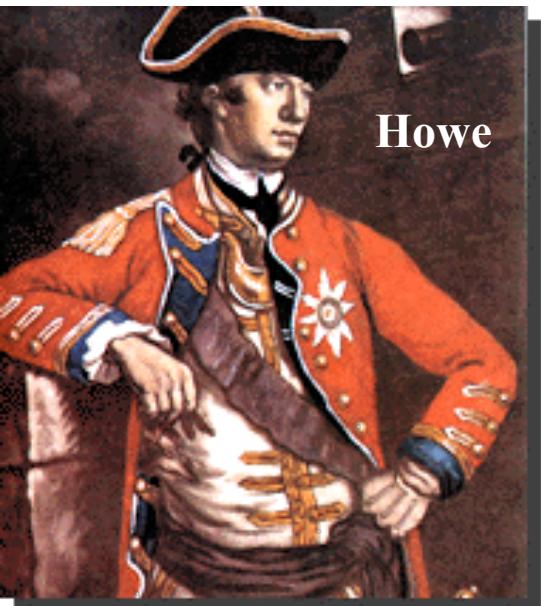


PYRRHIC VICTORY

Sometimes, success can kill.

...And the Rest is History

- Olive Branch Petition (July, 1775) – Nope. Traitors
- Thomas Paine – “Common Sense” (Jan, 1776) – Declare independence NOW!
- Cols. first win in South @ Moore’s Creek Bridge
- Wash. beats Howe @ Dorchester Hts → Howe flees Boston to Nova Scotia



July 4th, 1776

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly protest and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connections between them and the State of Great Britain, so far as it can be effectually dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of Right do.— And for the support of the Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Heaven, we mutually pledge to each other, our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.