

AP United States History

End of Salutary Neglect

- End of the Seven Years War
 - Britain is in debt and imposes taxes on the colonies
 - Outrages America—realizes that they were losing freedom from Britain
 - Unity between colonies begins to form
 - Sugar Act- 1764: Britain taxes product sales instead of people
 - Writs of Assistance: British soldiers can enter a house w/o reasonable cause
 - Stamp Act- 1765: First direct tax on Americans
 - Taxes all papers, affecting almost every commercial transaction
 - This angers the intellectuals, very bad idea
- Resistance from American Groups and Peoples
 - Sons of Liberty
 - Opposed the implementation of taxes and removal of freedoms
 - Committees of Correspondence
 - Warns neighboring colonies of British incidents with colonists
 - Propaganda branch that broadens the resistance movement
 - "No Taxation without Representation"
 - American Argument that they shouldn't be taxed until they have a say in Parliament
 - British argue that they have "Virtual Representation" and that the colonies were still being considered in Parliament
 - Stamp Act Congress- 1765
 - Led by Massachusetts Legislature and represents all colonies
 - Rejects the idea of "Virtual Representation" in House of Commons
- British Response from liberty movements
 - 1766- Stamp Act Repealed (yay?)
 - Nope, British pass Declaratory act that states the British have the right to make laws for all Americans

- The equivalent of the British being salty
- The Boston Massacre- 1770
 - Soldiers kill 5 unarmed protestors in hostile crowd
 - However, tensions are relieved for a few years (Townsend Acts repealed same year)