

American Revolution

The American Revolution was a conflict between the thirteen American colonies and Great Britain. The colonies sought independence from British rule due to various grievances, including taxation without representation. They believed they should have the right to govern themselves and make their own laws. This desire for self-governance led to significant events and protests that escalated into war.

Example: For example, the Boston Tea Party was a direct protest against the Tea Act.


Practice Activity

Fill in the blanks using words from the word bank.


Word Bank: Independence, Taxes, Protests, Tea Act, Stamp Act

1. The ___ required colonists to pay for printed materials.
2. Colonists organized ___ against British taxes.
3. The ___ was a major event leading up to the Revolution.

Collaborative Activity


-  • Discuss with a partner one important concept or theme about the American Revolution.
- Write a sentence or draw a picture about what your partner discussed.

Guided Practice

 Read each source and answer the question.

 Source: "No taxation without representation!" – Colonial slogan

1. What was the main idea of this slogan?
 - A) Colonists wanted more taxes
 - B) Colonists wanted to be represented in government
 - C) Colonists were happy with British rule
 - D) Colonists wanted to trade with other nations

 Source: Timeline of Events: 1775 - Battles of Lexington and Concord, 1776 - Declaration of Independence, 1773 - Boston Tea Party


2. Which event came first?
 - A) Declaration of Independence
 - B) Boston Tea Party
 - C) Battles of Lexington and Concord
 - D) Stamp Act

 Source: The Intolerable Acts were punitive laws passed by the British Parliament.

3. What was the purpose of the Intolerable Acts?
 - A) To reward the colonies
 - B) To punish the colonies
 - C) To expand British territory
 - D) To encourage trade

 Source: 1776: Common Sense published by Thomas Paine

4. What was a significant effect of 'Common Sense'?
 - A) It encouraged loyalty to Britain
 - B) It called for independence from Britain
 - C) It proposed a new tax system
 - D) It suggested a monarchy

 5. Explain why the colonists believed British taxes were unfair.

Independent Practice

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

📖(1) The American Revolution was fueled by a growing desire for independence among the colonies. (2) Tensions escalated after the British government imposed several taxes, including the Stamp Act and the Tea Act, which angered colonists. (3) Many colonists felt that they should not be taxed without representation in Parliament. (4) Protests erupted, leading to events such as the Boston Tea Party in 1773, where colonists dumped British tea into the harbor to protest the Tea Act. (5) The situation worsened with the Intolerable Acts, which further restricted colonial freedoms. (6) In 1775, fighting broke out at Lexington and Concord, marking the start of the Revolutionary War. (7) Finally, in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, officially declaring the colonies' intention to separate from British rule.

1. What was one reason the colonists wanted independence?
 - A) To have more taxes
 - B) To govern themselves without British interference
 - C) To expand British territory
 - D) To seek support from other countries
2. Which act was specifically protested at the Boston Tea Party?
 - A) Stamp Act
 - B) Sugar Act
 - C) Tea Act
 - D) Intolerable Acts
3. What was the outcome of the Battles of Lexington and Concord?
 - A) A peaceful resolution was reached
 - B) The Revolutionary War began
 - C) The colonies submitted to British rule
 - D) The British won decisively
4. What document declared independence from Britain?
 - A) Articles of Confederation
 - B) Constitution
 - C) Declaration of Independence
 - D) Bill of Rights
5. What conclusion can be drawn from paragraph 3?
 - A) Colonists were happy with their representation
 - B) Colonists strongly opposed taxation without representation
 - C) The British government supported the colonies
 - D) Taxes were not an issue for the colonists
6. What event marked the official start of the Revolutionary War?
 - A) Boston Tea Party
 - B) Signing of the Declaration
 - C) Battles of Lexington and Concord
 - D) Intolerable Acts

7. Which act was seen as punishment for the Boston Tea Party?

- A) Stamp Act
- B) Tea Act
- C) Intolerable Acts
- D) Navigation Acts

8. What was one effect of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Colonists accepted British rule
- B) Colonists united against Britain
- C) The war ended immediately
- D) Taxes were repealed

9. Which of the following events occurred last?

- A) Boston Tea Party
- B) Declaration of Independence
- C) Battles of Lexington and Concord
- D) Intolerable Acts

 10. How did the Intolerable Acts impact colonial attitudes toward Britain?

Answer Key

Guided Practice Answers:

1. Answer: B
2. Answer: C
3. Answer: B
4. Answer: B
5. Open-ended: Student response will vary.

Independent Practice Answers:

1. Answer: B
2. Answer: C
3. Answer: B
4. Answer: C
5. Answer: B
6. Answer: C
7. Answer: C
8. Answer: B
9. Answer: B
10. Open-ended: Student response will vary.

Concept Activity Answers:

1. Stamp Act
2. protests
3. Tea Act