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History

* The Non-Importation Movement
  + Boycotts on tea (participated at home)
  + Makers of shared sacrifice in face of external threat to liberty
  + Men are the public face, but women are the main enforcers
  + Americans begin to identify with each other politically
    - Abstract theories about law and makes them usable in everyday life
* John Dickenson
  + Two ways of imposing taxes
    - One by the user or consumer (direct tax, income tax, sales tax)
    - One by the seller of the item (indirect tax)
  + Direct tax
    - You know about it, its obvious to you
  + Indirect tax
    - You don't know what it is for
    - You aren’t always thinking about it as a tax
  + “They can tax us a little bit now, what’s to stop them from doing a lot later”
  + Taxing without consent means that they are essentially slaves
* Boston MA
  + Tensions are high in boston after soldiers seize John Hancocks ship
  + Soldiers weren't allowed to fight back
  + Boston massacre happens when the soldiers are trying to defend themselves after a crowd assembles
    - 5 die that night including Crispus Attucks
* Tea Act
  + East India Co. can bypass regulations and sell tea direct to colonies
  + Plus: special monopoly on sale of tea
  + Townshend tea tax remains
* The Intolerable Acts
  + Boston Port Act
    - Shuts down Boston Harbor to all commercial trade until they pay back the east india company for the tea they dumped over
  + Quartering Act
    - Allows military commanders to assign private homes for living
    - They had to take unoccupied places before invading your home, but the potential is there
  + Massachusetts Government Act
    - Install General Gage as the governor
    - Give him the power to remove any colonial official and abolish local assemblies
  + Quebec Act
    - Organize Canadian government with no assembly + full tolerance for Catholics
* Continental Congress
  + Advocates preparation for defense
  + Continental Association: ban on trade to britain
  + Local Committees of safety to enforce ban
* Paul Revere
  + The idea of fighting for british rights within britain
* Lexington and Concord
  + Not the revolution, but the first shots fired in the revolution