

The Road to the American Revolution Study Guide

- I. Be able to describe the following events and know the cause and effect of each. You do not need to memorize dates. Just know the sequence of events:
1. **French and Indian War** – (1754-1763) conflict over the Ohio River Valley between the French and British colonists
 2. **Proclamation of 1763**-King George III forbade colonists from settling past a line drawn along the Appalachian Mountains
 3. **Sugar Act**- (1764) tax on sugar, wine, molasses (Caused colonists to **boycott** British goods)
 4. **Stamp Act** – (1765) tax on any legal paper (a stamp would show you paid tax)
 5. **Declaratory Act**- (1766) new act by Parliament after they repealed Stamp Act; proclaimed (declared) King & Parliament had full power to tax Americans
 6. **Townshend Acts** – (1767) tax on lead, paper, paint, **tea**, and glass
 7. **Boston Massacre** – (1770) began as a snowball fight that ended with 5 colonists shot dead
 8. **Committee of Correspondence** – (1772) group that united colonies by writing letters that told what was happening in different colonies
 9. **Boston Tea Party** – (1773) colonists dress up like Indians in protest to Townshend Acts, threw chests of tea in Boston Harbor ruining all of it
 10. **Intolerable Acts** –(1774) laws to punish colonists included closing Boston Harbor, requiring colonists to allow soldiers to live with them, outlaw public meetings, and disbanding the elected assembly of Massachusetts
 11. **1st Continental Congress** – (1774) meeting of colonial representatives where a letter was written to the King explaining why taxing was unfair; all colonies were represented except Georgia
 12. **Boycott** – (1774) colonists refuse to buy British products as a form of protest
 13. **Lexington and Concord** – (1775) beginning of the Revolutionary War with “The shot heard around the world.” First time Redcoats and Minutemen fight

II. Be able to describe the contributions made by the following:

1. **Samuel Adams** – colonist who started Committee of Correspondence and Sons of Liberty; wrote about the Boston Massacre
2. **Patrick Henry** – famous Virginian who tried to persuade colonists that taxes were unfair; “Give me liberty, or give me death!”
3. **Paul Revere** – colonist who warned towns of Concord and Lexington that “The Redcoats are coming!”
4. **Crispus Attucks**- An African American hero who was the first person killed in The Boston Masacre
5. **Loyalist (Tory)** – colonist who supported the King
6. **Patriot** – colonist who believes that the Colonies should not be ruled by England
7. **Minutemen** – colonial militia men who were ready to fight in a minute’s notice
8. **King George III**- British ruler
9. **Sons of Liberty**- a secret society of patriots that was formed to protect the rights of the colonists and to fight the abuses of taxation by the British government

III. Be able to answer the following questions:

1. **Why did King tax the American Colonists after the end of the French and Indian War?**

2. **Why did the colonists think the new tax laws were unfair?**

IV. Practice with Quizlet.