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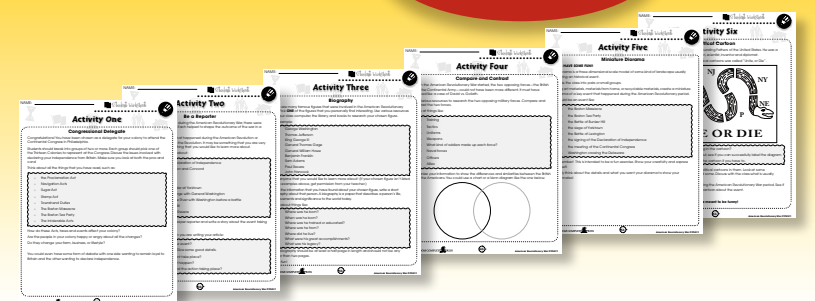


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The Thirteen Colonies

1. Match the word on the left to its meaning on the right.

1	war	a fee charged by a government on a product, income or activity	A
2	tax	the commercial exchange (buying and selling on domestic or international markets) of goods and services	B
3	acts	the waging of armed conflict against an enemy	C
4	trade	possessing, or inhabiting a colony or colonies	D
5	colonial	to regulate one's behavior in accordance with advice or information	E

2. To the right is a map of North America. Color on the map where you think that the Thirteen Colonies were and explain your choice.



3. Why do you think the first settlers came to North America?

4. Define the word PARLIAMENT in your own words. Then, use a dictionary to look up the word and compare your definition with the one found in the dictionary.



The Thirteen Colonies

The Thirteen Colonies were found along the eastern coast of North America. The colonies were founded by British settlers in the 17th century. They set up these colonies, or outposts, all along the east coast. The Thirteen Colonies were made up of thirteen states. Each state had its own colonial government. They were ruled by Britain. Their leader's name was King George III. He had a Royal Council that helped him. Britain also had a parliament that helped pass laws.



The Thirteen Colonies

The British people who settled in North America went there for many different reasons. Some people went for religious reasons. They wanted to worship freely in their own way. Some settlers went to farm or make their own fortunes. Some went just for the adventure. As the Thirteen Colonies grew, Britain tried to keep tight control over the goods and the trade that came out of the colonies. In the 1600s, Britain passed many laws called the Navigation Acts. These Acts made sure all goods from the colonies were carried only on British ships. The British ships had to go to Britain first. Then, the goods went to other countries for trade.

STOP What were the Navigation Acts and why were they passed?

Things got hard in North America after Britain and France went to war in Europe. When Britain and France went to war, that meant the colonies were also at war. The war between the British colonies and the French colonies in North America was called the French and Indian War. It lasted from 1756 to 1763 and was known as the Seven Years War. The war involved British and colonial troops fighting together against the French. France was defeated and the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763. Britain was now in control of huge new lands in North America. The new lands included Canada and all the land East of the Mississippi River. The Thirteen Colonies fought and co-operated together to defeat their old enemy France. A new feeling began to grow in the colonies. Maybe the Thirteen Colonies did not need to rely so much on Britain. There were also wide open new lands ready to move into. There was a lot of excitement and hope about the colonies growing. The new lands would satisfy many needs. As the population grew quickly, there began shortages of available farm land.

For Britain, the war had cost a lot of money. They now had a huge debt. The new lands meant new responsibilities. It also brought new problems and expenses. The huge debt and more spending meant more taxes. Britain felt that the colonies needed to pay their share. The result of all these problems and more taxes started the colonies down the road to war.



The Thirteen Colonies

1. Complete each sentence with a word from the list.

seven North America	King George III 1763	East Britain
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- The Thirteen Colonies are found in _____.
- The French and Indian War lasted _____ years.
- The new land included all the land _____ of the Mississippi River.
- Britain was ruled by _____.
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in _____.
- After 1763, _____ controlled the new lands.

2. Circle the word True if the statement is true. Circle the word False if it is false.

- The Thirteen Colonies were founded in the 17th century.
TRUE FALSE
- The Thirteen Colonies were made up of 52 States.
TRUE FALSE
- Some British people went to the Thirteen Colonies for religious reasons.
TRUE FALSE
- Britain tried to keep tight control over the goods and the trade that came out of the colonies.
TRUE FALSE
- In the 1700s Britain passed the Navigation Acts.
TRUE FALSE
- When Britain and France went to war, the Thirteen Colonies were not at war and continued to build their new land.
TRUE FALSE
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763.
TRUE FALSE
- The population of the Thirteen Colonies grew very slowly.
TRUE FALSE



The Thirteen Colonies

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

3. Name three reasons why the settlers might have moved to the Thirteen Colonies.

4. What were the Navigation Acts? Why did Britain pass the Navigation Acts?

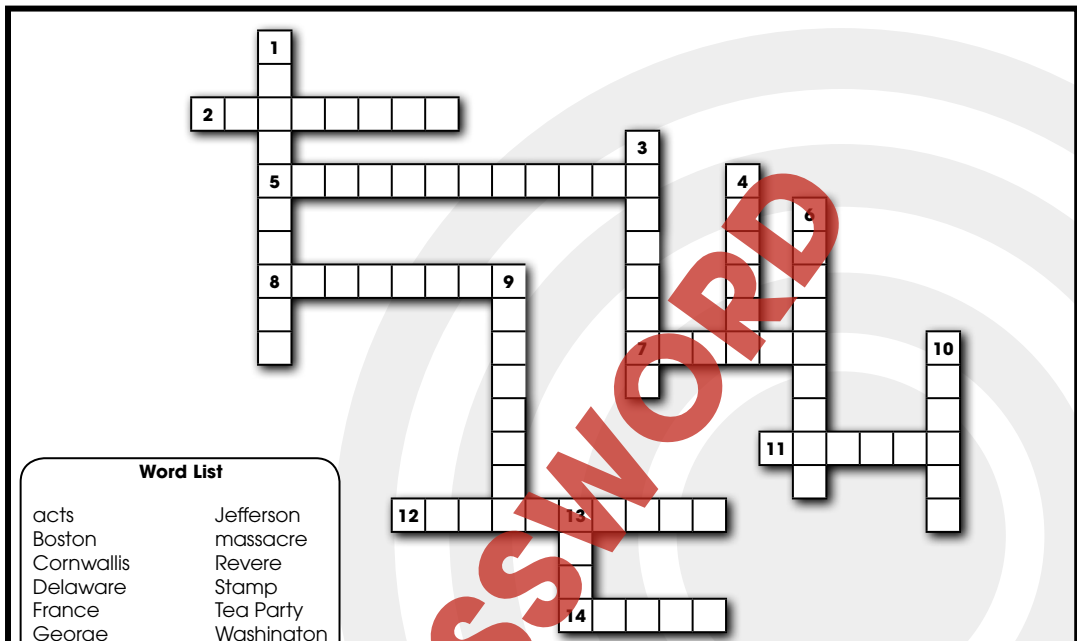
5. What two main countries fought in the French and Indian War? What were some of the results of that war in the Colonies?

Research & Application

- Do some research on the internet or at the library about one of the Thirteen Colonies. Write a paragraph about the colony that you have chosen. What was the main town? What was its significance? What were its main crops and exports?



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| acts | Jefferson |
| Boston | massacre |
| Cornwallis | Revere |
| Delaware | Stamp |
| France | Tea Party |
| George | Washington |
| Independence | Yorktown |

Across

- The protest where five civilians were killed was later called the Boston _____.
- On July 4, 1776, Continental Congress signed the Declaration of _____.
- He made his famous ride to warn the colonists that the British were coming.
- The Boston _____ was a bunch of Colonists dressed like Native Americans who dumped tea off the ships in the harbor.
- One of the major towns in the Thirteen Colonies and the site of many protests.
- This British general surrendered his army at Yorktown.
- The _____ Act was a law that passed, which taxed all newspapers, documents and pamphlets.

Down

- Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
- Washington crossed this river in winter to attack Trenton and Princeton.
- King _____ III was the ruler of England during the Revolution.
- He helped write the Declaration of Independence.
- The British made their final surrender after the siege of this town.
- They joined the war in 1778 to help the colonists fight Britain.
- Laws passed by the British were called _____.



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

- | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| BOSTON | FRENCH | MASSACRE | REVOLUTION | THIRTEEN |
| BRITISH | GAGE | MISSISSIPPI | SETTLERS | TREATY |
| CAPTAIN | INDEPENDENCE | PHILADELPHIA | STAMP | WASHINGTON |
| COLONIES | JEFFERSON | PROCLAMATION | TAXES | YORKTOWN |
| CORNWALLIS | LIBERTY | REBELLION | TEA | |



Comprehension Quiz

Part 1

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Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- George Washington was born in February 1732.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The Thirteen colonies were founded by French Settlers.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763.
TRUE **FALSE**
- British General Gage ordered his troops to search Concord.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Ten settlers were killed at the Boston Massacre.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The colonies didn't mind paying the taxes as long as the British stayed away from their new land.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The British soldiers were often referred to as "redcoats and lobster backs" by the colonists.
TRUE **FALSE**
- General William Howe was a British Nobleman.
TRUE **FALSE**

Part 2

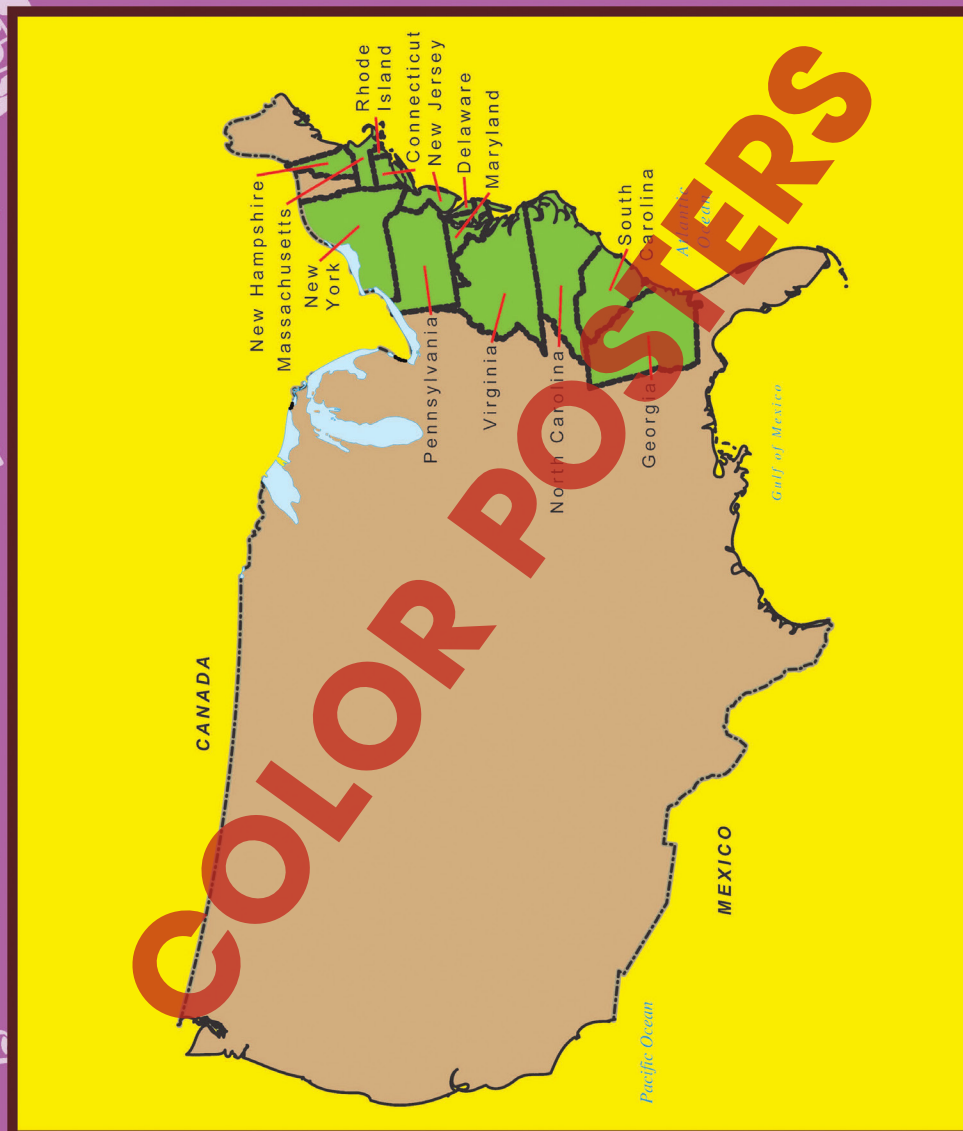
Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

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- Britain made a law called the Proclamation Act in:
 A 1762.
 B 1763.
 C 1726.
 D 1736.
- The Townshend Duties put taxes on:
 A tea.
 B paint.
 C other shipped goods.
 D all of the above.
- During the war, America was helped by:
 A Spain.
 B France.
 C both A and B.
 D none of the above.
- George Washington was the Commander-in-chief of what army?
 A British Army
 B French Army
 C Colonial Army
 D Continental Army

SUBTOTAL: /12

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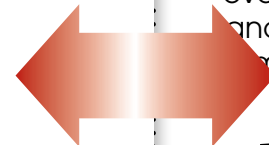


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3.

Religious reasons, to farm, to make their own fortunes, for adventure.

4.

The Navigation Acts were passed to make sure all goods from the colonies were carried only by British ships. Britain wanted to keep tight control over the goods and trade that came out of the colonies.

5.

Britain and France. The Treaty of Paris was signed after the war. Britain controlled huge lands in North America. The Thirteen Colonies were not excited about this war or the terms of the treaty.

6.

Answers may vary.

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