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The Road to War



1. Can you think of a reason why the Thirteen Colonies would get angry and start a war?

2. Can you think of a reason why Britain would get angry and go to war?

3. What are some steps people can take to avoid war?

4. Use a dictionary to define the word DUTIES. Write out all the meanings of the word DUTIES. Circle the meaning of the word DUTIES that you think will apply in the reading passage "The Road to War".



The Road to War



When the colonies went to war against Britain it did not just happen overnight. It took many years to happen. People grew unhappy. Britain made many new laws that people did not like. Most of the laws were about taxes. These taxes were also called **duties**. Some of the other laws had to do with the new lands.



In 1763, Britain made a law called the **Proclamation Act**. This law was to help deal with new lands East of the Mississippi River. Britain got these lands from France after the French and Indian War. Many Native Americans lived in these lands. Britain wanted to keep peace with them and make them happy. The Act made a border line along the **Appalachian Mountains**. Settlers were not allowed to move beyond that line. They could not settle on these Native American lands. The colonists were very unhappy. They wanted to expand their lands and move the line further West.

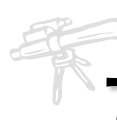


What was the name of the mountains that separated Britain with the Native Americans?

The French and Indian War cost Britain a lot of money. The people in Britain already paid high taxes. The British government felt that the colonies needed to pay their share. In 1764 they started a new tax program. In 1764, Britain passed the **Sugar Act**. This law taxed all the sugar brought into the colonies. The colonists did not like the tax but still paid it. In 1765, Britain passed the **Stamp Act**. Since the end of the war, British **troops** were left in the colonies. The Stamp Act was passed to help pay for the troops. The law made all newspapers, legal papers, and other things have a special stamp on them. The stamp had to be bought from the **government**. The colonists were very angry about these taxes. They did not **elect** or vote for the government in Britain; therefore, they felt that since they did not elect the government, the government had no right to tax them. They were not represented in Britain. The colonists' famous cry became "**No taxation without representation!**" There were so many **protests** that Britain lowered the tax on sugar. They also took away the Stamp Act.

In 1767, Britain passed more acts called the **Townshend Duties**. It put taxes on tea, paints, and other goods shipped to the colonies. This time, the colonists were so angry that they stopped buying British goods. Britain had to back down again. They took away all of the taxes except the tax on tea.

In the 1700s, Boston was one of the most important cities in the Thirteen Colonies. It was a major port and trade center. Around 15,000 people lived there. It quickly became the center for unhappiness and protests. Britain reacted by posting 4,000 troops in Boston. The colonists were angry about the soldiers there and all the new taxes. They called the soldiers "**redcoats**" and "**lobster backs**". In March of 1770, a large crowd argued with some soldiers. In the excitement, a soldier fired his gun and others followed. Five colonists were killed. The people in the colonies were outraged. They called it "**The Boston Massacre**". This made the colonists determined to have no British troops in the Americas. The colonies were drifting towards war with Britain.



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

- a) The Proclamation Act was passed to tax newspaper in the new colonies.
TRUE FALSE
- b) The Sugar Act was an act passed to tax sugar provided to the new colonies.
TRUE FALSE
- c) The new colonies didn't mind paying the new taxes Britain passed.
TRUE FALSE
- d) Five colonists died in the Boston Massacre.
TRUE FALSE
- e) A cry made famous by the colonists was "No taxation without Representation".
TRUE FALSE
- f) In the 1700s, Boston was one of the most important cities in the colonies.
TRUE FALSE
- g) Most of the laws that made the colonies angry were about taxes.
TRUE FALSE

2. Match the words in the list to the statements below.

acts	French and Indian War	Stamp Act
	Townshend Duties	Boston Massacre
A		All newspapers and legal papers had to have a special stamp.
B		Five colonists were killed in a protest.
C		It lasted from 1756 to 1763.
D		Special laws that were passed by Britain.
E		Taxes put on tea, paints and other goods.



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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

3. Why do you think the colonists called the killings "**The Boston Massacre**" when only five people died?

4. New taxes are always being placed upon us. Can you name one of the latest new taxes in your area or country and explain its importance?

Research & Application

5. On the internet or at the library, research the group called "**The Sons of Liberty**". Write a short paragraph about the group and what they were significant for.



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.

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

M	R	S	U	T	B	R	I	T	I	S	H	I	M	R	Q	U	O
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T	V	S	R	G	B	J	Y	O	Y	W	N	D	H	R	S	W	L
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Part 3 Comprehension Quiz

Answer each question with complete sentences.

- Name 4 major figures in the Revolutionary War. 4

- How long did the Revolutionary War last? 1

- When did America officially win her independence and the British troops leave the Thirteen Colonies? 1

- Name three major battles during the Revolutionary War. 3

- On what date was the Declaration of Independence signed and what was its significance? 3

SUBTOTAL: /12

Boston Tea Party



A reenactment of the Boston Tea Party



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1.

- a) FALSE
- b) TRUE
- c) FALSE
- d) TRUE
- e) TRUE
- f) TRUE
- g) TRUE

2.

- a) Stamp Act
- Boston Massacre
- French and Indian War
- d) acts
- e) Townshend Duties

9.

3.

Answers may vary.

4.

Answers may vary.

5.

Answers may vary.

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