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Activity One



Congressional Delegate

Congratulations! You have been chosen as a delegate for your colony to attend the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Students should break into groups of two or more. Each group should pick one of the Thirteen Colonies to represent at the Congress. Discuss the issues involved with declaring your independence from Britain. Make sure you look at both the pros and cons!

Think about all the things that you have read, such as:

- the Proclamation Act
- Navigation Acts
- Sugar Act
- Stamp Act
- Townshend Duties
- The Boston Massacre
- The Boston Tea Party
- The Intolerable Acts

How do these Acts, taxes and events affect your colony?

Are the people in your colony happy or angry about all the changes?

Do they change your farm, business, or lifestyle?

You could even have some form of debate with one side wanting to remain loyal to Britain and the other wanting to declare independence.