



Key Events

After the **Boston Massacre** in 1770, the British tried to make the colonists happy. Troops were taken out of Boston. All of the major taxes on British goods were taken away. However, the tea tax was not. In May of 1773, the **Tea Act** took away the tea tax. The colonists were still angry. Tea sales were controlled by British tea agents. When the first tea ships arrived in December, the colonists did not let them dock. To send a message to Britain, they decided on a plan. Some chosen colonists dressed like Native Americans and snuck onto the ships at night. They opened over 300 chests full of tea and dumped the tea into the harbor. It was called the "**Boston Tea Party**". King George and the British were very angry. They punished the colonies with new laws. They were called the **Intolerable Acts**. Boston Harbor was closed. Colonists were ordered to provide housing for British soldiers. This was one of the last straws for the colonists.



A reenactment of the Boston Tea Party

What is the Boston Tea Party?



In September of 1774, the colonists held the **First Continental Congress**. Twelve of the Thirteen Colonies sent **representatives** called **delegates**. The Congress met mainly to protest against the new laws passed by Britain. They wanted the colonists to defend their rights by force if they had to. They started another **boycott** of British goods. They talked about the rights of the colonists. The Congress decided to meet again in May of 1775 if Britain had not changed her **policies**. The **Second Continental Congress** met in May of 1775. The Battles of Lexington and Concord had just happened in April. The war had started. The Continental Congress took charge of the war effort. They voted Washington as the new **commander-in-chief** of the **Continental Army**.



Effects and Outcomes



3. The relationship between the United States and France has always been unstable. Explain why this war could have played a part in that relationship.

4. In your opinion, was the American Revolutionary War the most important in American history? Explain your answer.





Research & Application

5. After the war ended, the new United States had to deal with the after effects of the war. There were hard times and a depression. Do some research on 'Shays' Rebellion'. Who was the leader? What were the reasons for the rebellion? What were the end results?



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