

The Road to Independence

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CHAPTER 1: The French and Indian War



A small battle in 1754 over control of Fort Duquesne, in present-day Pennsylvania, led to a much larger conflict called the French and Indian War.

Framing Question: How did the British defeat the French in the French and Indian War?



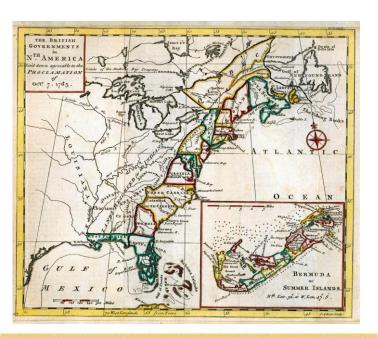
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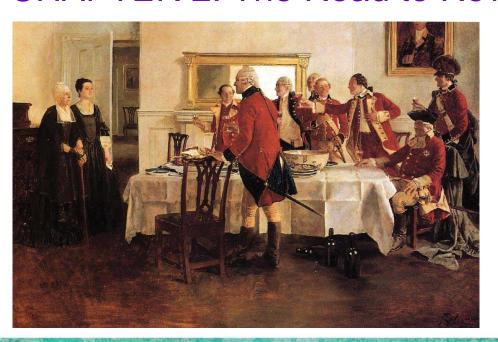
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In 1763, the British government issued the Proclamation of 1763, which stated that colonists were not allowed to settle west of the Appalachian Mountains, on Native American lands.





In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, which placed a tax on all printed materials, and the Quartering Act, which required colonial governments to provide housing for British soldiers.

Framing Question: What events led to the American Revolution?



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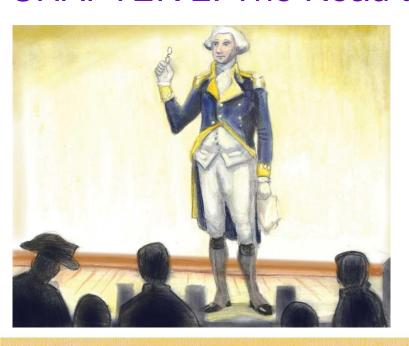
Crispus Attucks was killed in the Boston Massacre in 1770. He is considered the first American to die for the cause of American liberty.





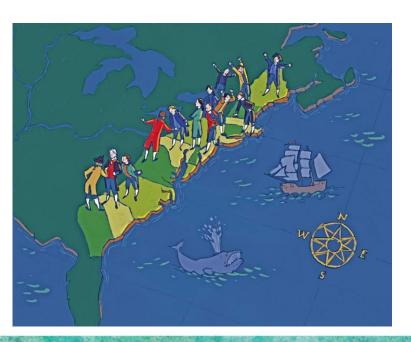
In 1773, a protest of the Tea Act known as the Boston Tea Party took place, leading to the passage of the Intolerable Acts the following year.





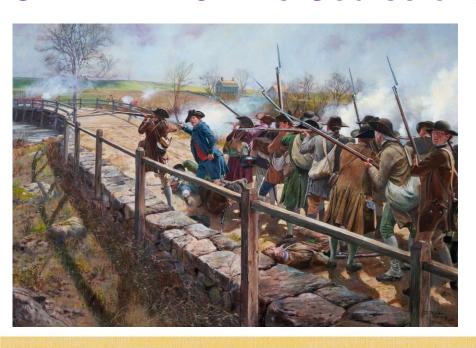
The First Continental Congress met in 1774 and issued a Declaration of Rights.





In 1775, the British government passed the Restraining Acts, which prevented New England and five other colonies from trading with any foreign country except Great Britain and its colonies in the West Indies.





The American Revolution started with the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775.





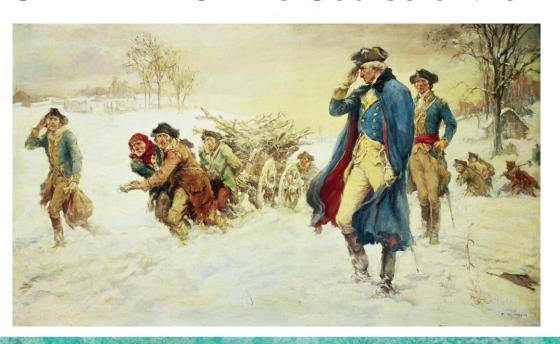
On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.





After the Battle of Saratoga in late 1777, the French joined the war as American allies in early 1778.





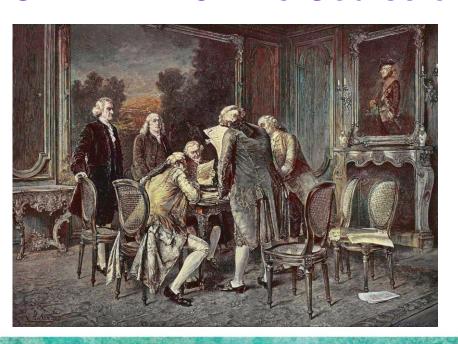
During the harsh winter of 1777–78 at Valley Forge, the Continental Army became well-trained for the first time.





The war ended with the British surrender after the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.





In 1783, the Peace of Paris officially ended the American Revolution.

Framing Question: How did the events of the American Revolution lead to independence?



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