

Sugar Act of 1764

British taxed the American colonists on sugar and molasses

Colonists were upset and began to boycott

Boycotting is when you refuse to buy goods

Stamp Act of 1765

British taxed the American colonists on diplomas, stamps, newspapers – all paper used

Sons of Liberty formed: similar to a gang – they caused problems to prove their point

Taxation without representation:

The British government taxed the American colonists. The colonists had no voice or choice. They had to pay the British and could not do anything about it because they were not represented in Parliament.

Townshend Acts 1767

Glass, lead paint, paper, and tea were taxed

Boycotting continued and British trade was stopped

Boston Massacre in 1770: 5 colonists were killed and 6 injured by the British because the men protested about paying taxes.

Trigger to American Revolution

Tea Act of 1773

Final spark before the American Revolution began

The Colonists were told to buy British tea, which would mean that local tea merchants made no money

Boston Tea Party: British Tea was thrown off of harbor