

Title Page 50 – Road to the Revolution

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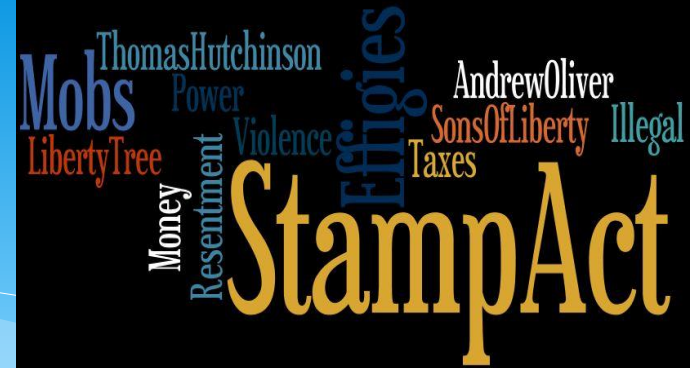
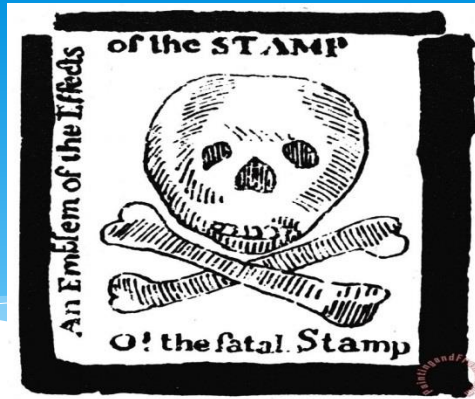
What was the Proclamation Line of 1763?

Based on the reaction of the ‘colonist’ in the video, do you think that the Colonists liked this new law? Be ready to justify your answer

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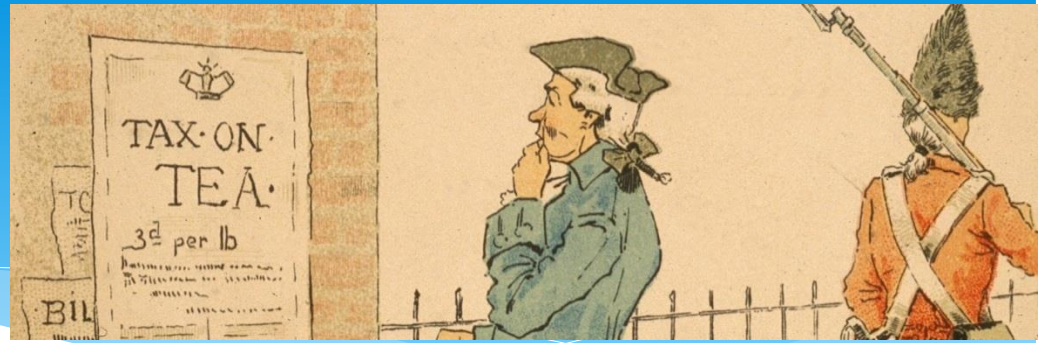
English Action	What it said	Colonist Reaction
Stamp Act	2 complete sentences	2 complete sentences
Tea Act	2 complete sentences	2 complete sentences
Coercive (Intolerable) Acts	2 complete sentences	2 complete sentences

Stamp Act



- * The Stamp Act was the first direct British tax on American colonists. Instituted in November, 1765. Every newspaper, pamphlet, and other public and legal document had to have a Stamp, or British seal, on it. The Stamp, of course, cost money. The colonists didn't think they should have to pay for something they had been doing for free for many years, and they responded in force, with demonstrations and even with a diplomatic body called the Stamp Act Congress, which delivered its answer to the Crown. Seeing the hostile reaction in the colonies, the British government repealed the Stamp Act in March 1766 but at the same time passed the Declaratory Act, which said that Great Britain was superior (and boss of) the American colonies "in all cases whatsoever." The Stamp Act gave the colonists a target for their rage. Indeed, the Sons of Liberty was formed in response to this Act. The Stamp Act Congress also gave the colonists a model for the Continental Congress.

The Tea Act



- * The Tea Act was passed in 1773 and gave a monopoly on tea sales to the East India Company. In other words, American colonists could buy no tea unless it came from that company. Why? Well, the East India Company wasn't doing so well, and the British wanted to give it some more business. The Tea Act lowered the price on this East India tea so much that it was way below tea from other suppliers. But the American colonists saw this law as yet another means of "taxation without representation" because it meant that they couldn't buy tea from anyone else (including other colonial merchants) without spending a lot more money. Their response was to refuse to unload the tea from the ships. This was the situation in Boston that led to the Boston Tea Party.

Intolerable Acts (Coercive Act)

- * **The Intolerable Acts were a series of laws** sponsored by British Prime Minister Lord North and enacted in 1774 in response to the Boston Tea Party. The laws were these:
 - * **Impartial Administration of Justice Act**, which allowed the royal governor of a colony to move trials to other colonies or even to England if he feared that juries in those colonies wouldn't judge a case fairly
 - * **Massachusetts Bay Regulating Act** made all law officers subject to appointment by the royal governor and banned all town meetings that didn't have approval of the royal governor
 - * **Boston Port Act**, which closed the port of Boston until the price of the dumped tea was recovered, moved the capital of Massachusetts to Salem, and made Marblehead the official port of entry for the Massachusetts colony.
 - * **Quartering Act**, which allowed royal troops to stay in houses or empty buildings if barracks were not available
 - * **Quebec Act**, which granted civil government and religious freedom to Catholics living in Quebec.
- * These Acts were the harshest so far of all the Acts passed by Parliament. The closing of Boston's port alone would cost the colony (and the American colonies as a whole) a ton of money. The Regulating Act was aimed at curtailing revolutionary activities. The Quartering Act angered colonists who didn't want soldiers (especially Redcoats) in their houses. And the Quebec Act was a direct insult to Americans, who had been denied the same sorts of rights that the Quebec residents now got.

Protest Poster

On the back of your Taxation chart

1. Choose one of the 3 acts we discussed
2. Draw a protest poster expressing the colonists reaction

