

REVOLUTIONARY WAR CAUSES

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Leading Boston patriots protested this tax by boarding British ships and dumping the tea into the water of the Boston Harbor. This was known as the Boston Tea Party. A group of colonists named the Sons of Liberty was determined to let the British know they were unhappy. The Sons of Liberty was a secret society made up of American colonists who wanted to fight British taxation. Patriots like John Hancock, Paul Revere, and Samuel Adams were members of the group. The original purpose of the Sons of Liberty was to force British stamp agents to resign and to stop American merchants from ordering British goods.

Question
What percentage of tea was being smuggled into the colonies?
A. 75%
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The Boston Tea Party...

Clue # 2
Did you know?
Paul Revere created his famous engraving just weeks after the Boston Indian War. This law required colonists to help pay for the British newspapers, legal documents, magazines and playing cards. The British felt they tax the colonists because they received the help on oil and tea materials such as the American colonists did not agree with the British government. The British had no right to tax them. There were no representatives of the colonies in the amount or use of taxes. They didn't think it was fair. The British felt they did not like being taxed for things that had always been free. The colonists began to protest the actions of the British government. They had protest in 1770 resulted in a fight and several order in the town. Due to the Stamp Act taxed A. Playing cards B. Newspapers C. Magazines D. All of the above

THINK TANK

ESCAPE ROOM

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 4 Half Page Passages
- ✓ 4 Puzzle Decoders
- ✓ Differentiated Version
- ✓ Completion Signs
- ✓ 10 Multiple Choice
- ✓ Teacher Answer Key
- ✓ Teacher Guide
- ✓ Puzzle Hints

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Hint: ➡ then ⬇

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4 Digit Code

First number of lock combination:

A = 5

N = 2

B =

O = 19

C = 21

P = 23



A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R

The Case:

On October 16th, 1774, there is less than a month until the thirteen colonies meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The delegates are concerned about the building, locked away in a safe, are hundreds of ways to fix the issues with King George III.

Teacher Directions:

1. Print a 3 page packet for each student (pages 6-10).
2. Print the four "decoders" and hang them around the room. Print the "The Case" for your students to gather around the decoder. (pages 21-24) for your older students. If you have a large group, you can choose to print the labeled decoders to challenge older students. The labeled decoders (pages 11-14) decoders for each group. The labeled decoders are out a set of decoders to use for each of the students which decoder to use for each of the students to solve the case, decode the code. (Use your judgment on the partner/group activity. I love collaboration. If too

4 PASSAGES

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The French and Indian War lasted from 1754 to 1763. The French and Indian War took place between the American colonies and New France. In this war, British troops helped American colonists fight. The American colonies won the war, but only because they had help from British soldiers. King George III spent a large amount of money buying expensive supplies in order for his army to protect the colonies. King George III and the British government felt that the colonists should help pay for the expense of the war and the expense of British soldiers stationed in the American colonies. Most of the 13 colonies were founded by people who wanted to escape persecution in England. Persecution is the act of being treated harshly, especially for a person's religious beliefs. As the British government became more involved with the colonies, tensions increased.

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The British government decided the American colonies needed to be punished for the Boston Tea Party. They issued new laws and taxes that the colonists called the Intolerable Acts, or Coercive Acts. They were given the name "Intolerable Acts" by patriots who felt they could not "tolerate" the unfair laws. These harsh laws closed the port of Boston entirely. The British Royal Navy sent warships to make sure no one went in or out of the harbor. The port of Boston would remain closed until the cost of the dumped tea was recovered. The British government also passed the Quartering Act which forced colonists to house and feed British soldiers.

The First Continental Congress took place in September of 1774. Representatives from each colony met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They discussed their concern of the Intolerable Acts and other unfair British laws. The representatives of the colonies sent a letter to King George III explaining their issues and concerns with taxes and unfair treatment. They requested that King George III, king of Great Britain, ignore the Intolerable Acts or they would refuse to recognize his authority. King George ignored the request. Eventually, the colonies declared their independence from Great Britain.

What is another name for the "Intolerable Acts"?

- C. Coercive Acts
- D. Stamp Acts

The American Revolution began...

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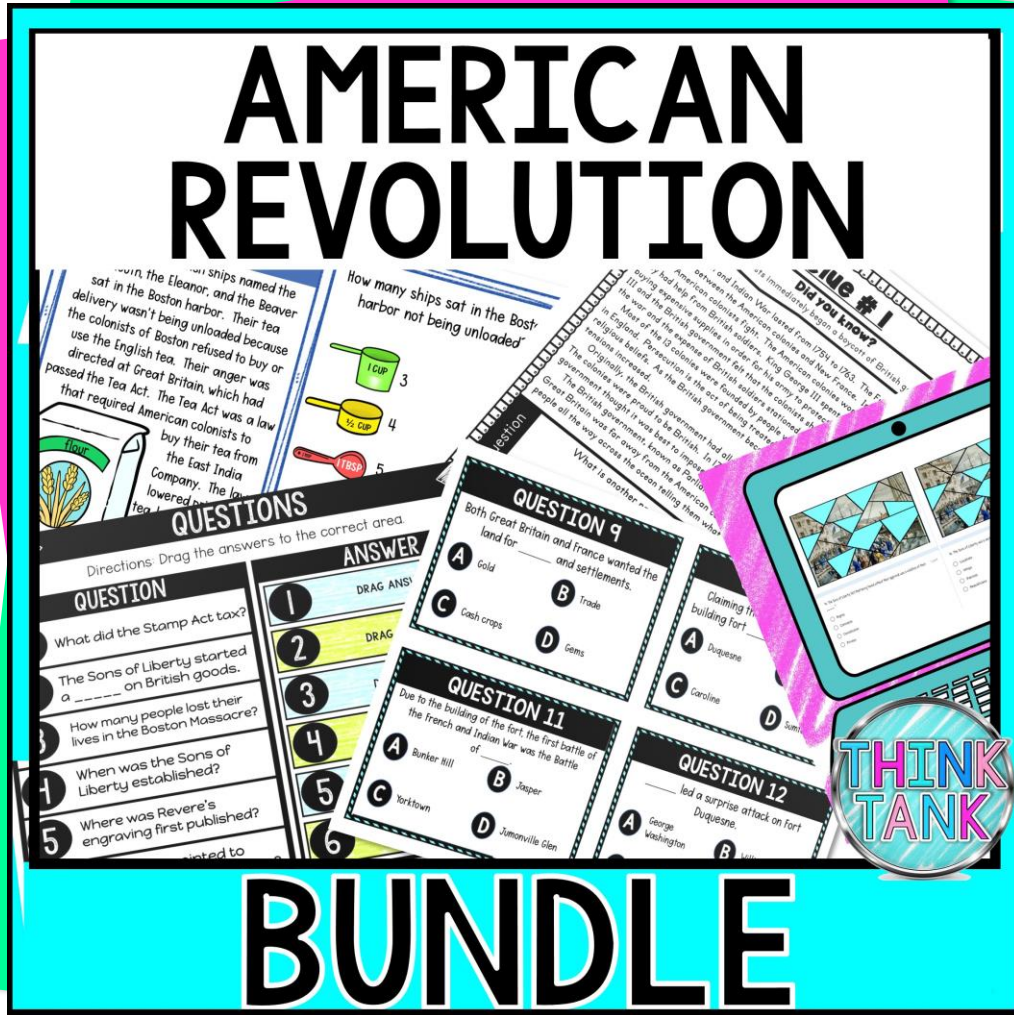
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