

# Road to Revolution:

## Events leading to the American Revolutionary War

1. Which quote is the perspective of the Colonists? British? How do you know?
2. How did the views of the Stamp Act differ? Provide evidence to support your answer.

### Stamp Act

"AWAKE! Awake, my Countrymen and defeat those who want to enslave us. Do not be cowards. You were born in Britain, the Land of Light, and you were raised in America, the Land of Liberty. It is your duty to fight this tax. Future generations will bless your efforts and honor the memory of the saviors of their country."

1. According to the quote, why did the British fire upon the Colonists?
2. How would Paul Revere's engraving be used as propaganda?

"But the Stamp Act is a tax on none of the necessities of life. It does not affect the poor. And even a poor person can afford this little amount of money. The tax on newspapers only affects the rich—common people do not purchase newspapers. Isn't it surprising, then, that the mob in Boston has begun to riot against this tax even before it has officially gone into effect? I was expressing my wonder at this, when I was informed, that it was not the burden of the tax to be raised, but the manner in which it was imposed, that created the discontent."

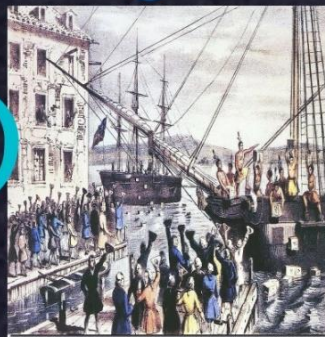
### Boston Massacre

"...In my way there I saw the people in great commotion, and heard them use the most cruel and horrid threats against the troops... They soon rushed through the people, and by charging their bayonets in half-circles, kept them at a little distance... striking their clubs bludgeons on against another, and calling out, come on you rascals, you bloody backs, you lobster scoundrel, fire I'll dare you G-d damn you, fire and be damned, we know you dare not... At this time I was between the soldiers and the mob... They then asked me if I intended to order the men to fire. I answered no, by no means, observing to them that I was advanced before the muzzles of the men's pieces... While I was thus speaking, one of the soldiers having received a severe blow with a stick, stepped a little on one side and instantly fired... I was struck with a club on my arm..."



### Tea Act/ Boston Tea Party

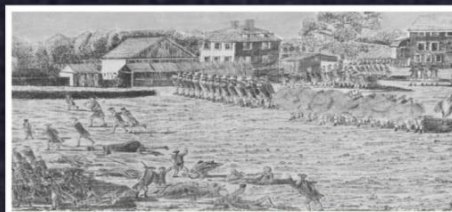
1. What was the significance of the Tea Act?
2. Based upon the image, what was the Boston Tea Party?
3. Why would the Tea Act lead to the Boston Tea Party? Provide evidence to support your answer.



Tea Act of 1773 was an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain. The principal objective was to reduce the massive amount of tea held by the financially troubled British East India Company in its London warehouses and to help the struggling company survive.

### Battle of Lexington and Concord

"...Some of our men were coming to the Green, and others had reached it, at which time, they began to disperse. While our backs were turned on the British troops, they fired on us, and a number of our men were instantly killed and wounded, not a gun was fired by any person in our company on the British soldiers to our knowledge before they fired on us, and continued firing until we had all made our escape."



1. Who's perspective is the quote from? What words helped you figure this out?
2. Based upon the two documents what happened at the Battle of Lexington and Concord? Provide evidence to support your answer.

Based upon the different events that led to the American Revolutionary War, how do different perspectives lead to tension building up to the war?