

Chapter 7: The Road to Revolution

1. Following the French and Indian War, the British crown needed money and figured the Americans could help pay for the war.
2. Also, the economic policy of mercantilism dictated that England try to keep its hard money within the British Empire. So, laws were passed to restrict American trade.
3. The taxes and regulations that followed were not received well by the Americans, notably the Stamp Act.
4. Conditions deteriorated and radical patriots brought matters to a head in events such as the Tea Party and Boston Massacre. Even though most Americans would be considered moderates at the time, the radical patriots were the ones making things happen.
5. The culmination of the patriots' activities came at Lexington and Concord, when the American Revolution began.

IDENTIFICATIONS

REMEMBER!!!

An ID/Key Term is **not a definition**. You should not be able to look any of the terms up in a dictionary and write the answer. An ID goes beyond defining and asks the AP student to critically analyze an event or a person.

The parts of a proper Key Term.

Step 1: Tell what the event is or who the person is. This is similar to a definition and will be 1 – 2 sentences.

Step 2: Explain the event or person. Tell what happened and explain what people, country, colony, or state was involved.

Step 3: **THE MOST IMPORTANT!** Tell the significance. In other words, explain what happened because of this event or person or what lasting impact this event or person had on the United States..

Lord North	George Grenville	<i>Letter from a Farmer in Pennsylvania</i>
Gaspee Incident	Charles Townshend	Baron Von Steuben
Mercantilism	"Virtual" representation	Sons of Liberty
Admiralty courts	Committees of Correspondence	
First Continental Congress	Loyalists (Tories)	

GUIDED READING QUESTIONS:

The Deep Roots of Revolution

1. Why does the author say that the American Revolution began when the first settlers stepped ashore?

Mercantilism and Colonial Grievances

Know: Mercantilism, Navigation Laws, Royal Veto

2. Explain the economic theory of mercantilism and the role of colonies.
3. How did Parliament enact the theory of mercantilism into policy?

The Merits and Menace of Mercantilism

Know: Salutary Neglect, John Hancock, Bounties

4. In what ways did the mercantilist theory benefit the colonies?
5. What economic factors were involved in leading colonists to be displeased with the British government?

The Stamp Tax Uproar

Know: George Grenville, Sugar Act, Quartering Act, Stamp Act, Admiralty Courts, Virtual Representation

6. Why were the colonists so upset over relatively mild taxes and policies?

Forced Repeal of the Stamp Act

Know: Stamp Act Congress, Non-importation Agreements, Homespun, Sons of Liberty, Declaratory Act

7. In what ways did colonists resist the Stamp Act?

The Townshend Tea Tax and the Boston "Massacre"

Know: Townshend Acts, Indirect Tax, Boston Massacre, John Adams

8. How did the Townshend Acts lead to more difficulties?

The Seditious Committees of Correspondence

Know: George III, Lord North, Samuel Adams, Committees of Correspondence

9. How did Committees of Correspondence work?

Tea Brewing in Boston

Know: British East India Company, Boston Tea Party

10. What was the cause of the Boston Tea Party, and what was its significance?

Parliament Passes the "Intolerable Acts"

Know: Boston Port Act, Massachusetts Government Act, Administration of Justice Act, Quartering Act of 1774, Quebec Act

11. What was so intolerable about the Coercive (Intolerable) Acts?

Bloodshed

Know: First Continental Congress, Declaration of Rights, The Association, Tar and Feathers, Minute Men, Lexington and Concord

12. What was the goal of the First Continental Congress?

Imperial Strength and Weakness

Know: Hessians, Tories

13. What were British strengths and weaknesses at the outset of the war?

American Pluses and Minuses

Know: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Marquis de Lafayette, Continentals

14. What were the American strengths and weaknesses at the outset of the war?

A Thin Line of Heroes

Know: Valley Forge, Baron von Steuben, Continental Army

15. What role was played by African-Americans in the Revolution?