The Path to Revolution

America’s move from British Colony to Independence
Bacon’s Rebellion

• In 1676 Nathanial Bacon leads protest against movement restrictions, high taxes, and low tobacco prices
Restricted Movement

• Proclamation of 1763
  – King George III of England forbids Colonists from moving west of Appalachian Mountains
  • Wanting to avoid another war like French and Indian War
No Taxation without Representation

- Colonists outraged because they were getting taxed but did not have representation in Parliament to voice their concerns and fight against the taxes
  - Ex. Stamp Act
The Boston Massacre

- March 5, 1770
  - Colonists protesting outside customs house in Boston
  - Soldiers open fire killing 5 colonists
  - Event called “Boston Massacre” in newspapers
The Colonists React

• June 1772 – Gaspee Affair
  – Colonists burn the HMS Gaspee, a ship that had been enforcing trade laws

• December 1773 – Boston Tea Party
  – Colonists raid a merchant ship and dump cargo of tea into Harbor
Colonists Act

• Meeting of the Continental Congress (Sept 1774)
  – Argued whether to fix relations with England or attempt to establish a new government
  – Decided to stop all trade with Britain