



The Path to Revolution

America's move from British Colony
to Independence



Bacon's Rebellion

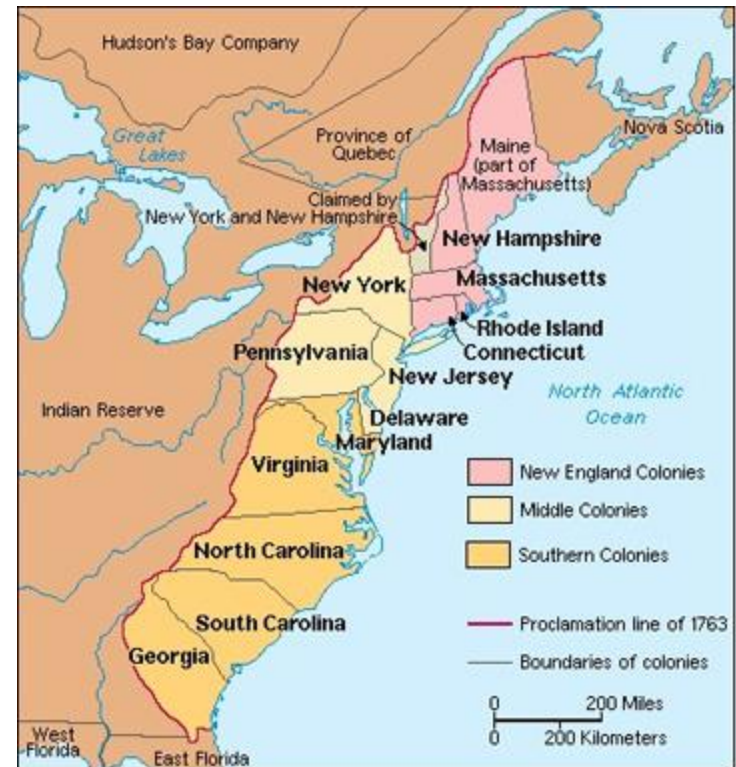
- In 1676 Nathaniel Bacon leads protest against movement restrictions, high taxes, and low tobacco prices





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

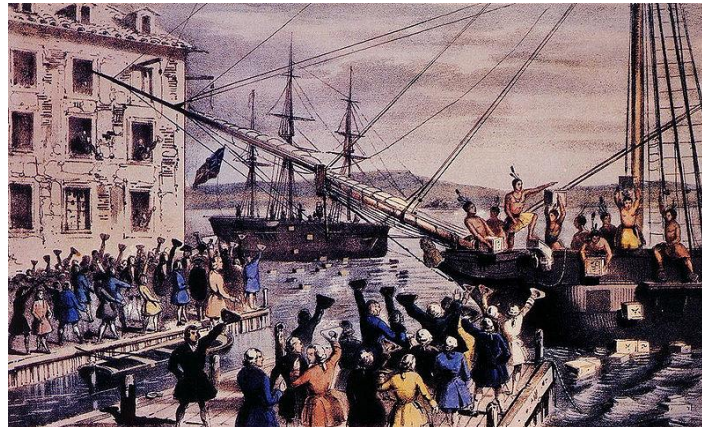
- March 5, 1770
 - Colonists protesting outside customs house in Boston
 - Soldiers open fire killing 5 colonists
 - Event called “Boston Massacre” in newspapers





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

