

The Path to Revolution

America's move from British Colony to Independence



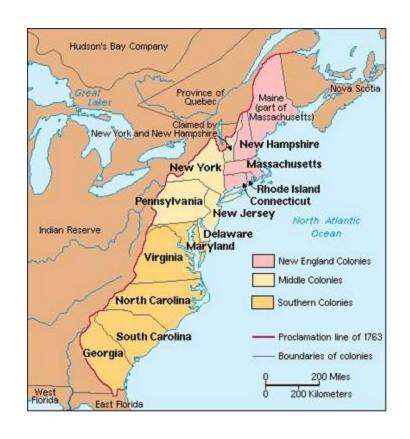
Bacon's Rebellion

 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

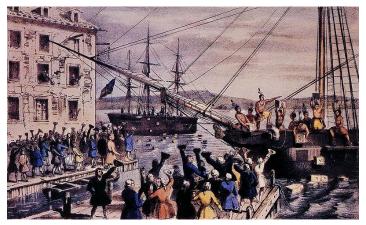
- March 5, 1770
 - Colonists protesting outside customs house in Boston
 - Soldiers open fire killing 5 colonists
 - Event called "Boston Massacre" in newspapers





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

