

Essential Question

What were the major causes of the American Revolution?

Why You Should Care

The ideals of this country (like freedom) can be traced directly to its birth in the American Revolution.

**Liberty or Death::
The Story of the
American
Revolution**





Part I: Causes

The Great Awakening

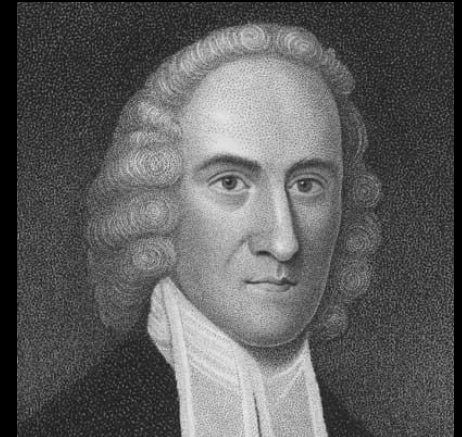
A revival of religious spirit that favored individual emotional connections with God over tradition.



Your damnation does not slumber; it will come swiftly, and, in all probability, very suddenly, upon many of you. You have reason to wonder that you are not already in hell. It is doubtless the case of some whom you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, and that before appeared as likely to have been alive now as you. Their case is past all hope; they are crying in extreme misery and complete despair; but here you are in the land of the living, and in the Church, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would those poor damned, hopeless souls give for one day's opportunity such as you now enjoy!

And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day where Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands calling, and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day where many are flocking to Him, and pressing into the kingdom of God. Many are daily coming from the east, west, north, and south; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are now in a happy state, with their hearts filled with love to Him who has loved them, and washed them from their sins in His own blood, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.

Therefore, let every one that is without Christ, now awake and fly from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over a great part of this congregation. Let every one fly out of Sodom: "Hurry and escape with your lives, don't look behind you. Escape to the mountain, unless you be consumed."



The Great Awakening



Helped to unite the colonists and encouraged them to speak out against leaders who weren't doing their jobs well.

The French and Indian War

**French
&
Indians**

VS

**English
&
Colonists**



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No more settlements past the Appalachian Mountains!

OMG. I hate them so much.

It's for your own good.

England gets more land but promises the colonists won't take any more. The colonists weren't in the negotiations so they decided they didn't have to follow them.

Spain

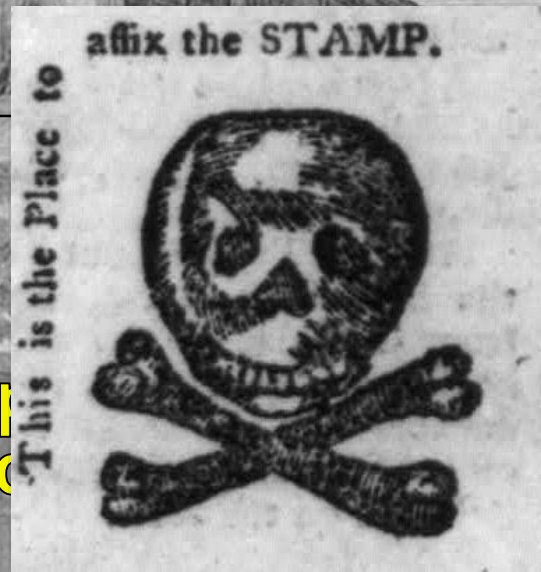
New Orleans

Ceded



Taxes

- 1764: **Sugar Act** – tax on imported goods to help pay for the just finished war.
- 1765: **Stamp Act** – first direct tax, covered most paper goods and documents.
- 1767: **Townshend Acts** – used to raise money to pay (bribe) judges to remain loyal to England.
- The real problem was “taxation without representation” not just taxes existing.



Quartering Acts

Forced colonists to house, feed and serve British soldiers who were there to “protect” (or control) them.



Boston Massacre

British soldiers killed 4 colonists who were protesting and throwing things at them.



Boston Tea Party

The Tea Act forced colonists to buy tea from British merchants which caused the price to rise.



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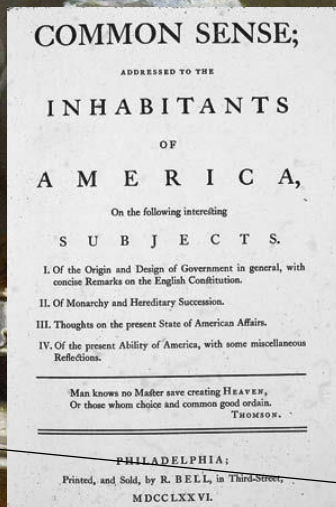
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To protest, the colonists snuck onto a British ship and threw the tea in the ocean.



Common Sense

Pamphlet written to persuade commoners to support independence.



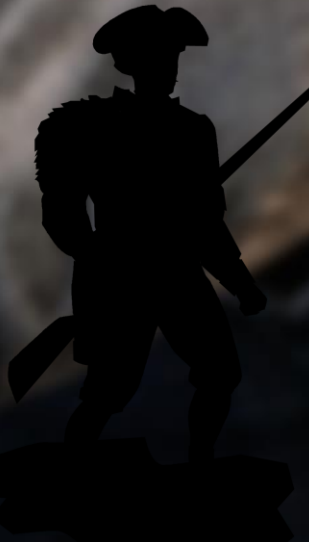
An island should never rule a continent.

Britain is so far from America that it would take at least a year for the king to address any problems in the colonies.

Lexington and Concord



British soldiers went to capture some rebel weapons. Someone fired a shot...



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