

1763-1776 The Road to Revolution

10 Steps to The Revolution:

I. Step 1: Britain enforces the Navigation Acts

How can British custom official do this?

What is a "writ of assistance"?

Why is the passing of writ of assistance and important step to revolution both ideologically and also emotionally (human-level)?

II. Step 2: Proclamation of 1763

Why is this an important step to revolution both ideologically and also practically?

III. Step 3: The Currency Act of 1764

Southern colonies were printing their own currency (money) that was backed by tobacco. Britain says this is illegal.

Why is this an important step?

IV. Step 4: The Sugar Act of 1764

This is an indirect tax on merchants who import the tea.

Merchants organize and form an organized boycott.

Why is this an important step?

V. Step 5: The Stamp Act of 1765

Very important Step! Why?

Who affected?

Which specific group most affected?

Ingredients for Organized Resistance after The Stamp Act?

Stamp Act Boycott of 1765

Parliament actually repeals The Stamp Act, but can't erase memories:

1. Harrassment of British officials and soldiers
2. First steps at organized resistance
3. First small victory for colonists against British Empire
- 4.

Soon, Parliament also passes **The Declaratory Acts**

Sons of Liberty forms to be "watchdogs" of British acts now

VI. Step 6: The Quartering Act of 1765

Why is this a very human step towards revolution?

VII. Step 7: The Townshend Acts of 1767

Indirect Revenue tax on everyday imported items like glass, lead, tea, etc.

Not a big tax actually, but now everything has changed:

1. As soon as passed, Sons of Liberty go into action
 2. Now colonists know that a boycott can work
- Start to see "No taxation without representation."

The boycott works again! Sons of Liberty feeling powerful. Why is this important?

VIII. Step 8: Sons of Liberty Propaganda

Who are the Sons of Liberty?

The Boston Massacre (page 401 painting of Paul Revere)

IX. Step 9: The Tea Act of 1773

Everyone must buy tea from the British East India Tea Company
Actually, many people don't mind, but Sons of Liberty do
Sons of Liberty organize the Boston Tea Party

Now, Britain is mad!

X. Step 10: The Coercive Acts

Sons of Liberty call them The Intolerable Acts

1. Port of Boston is closed
2. All local government in Massachusetts suspended
3. MA is under martial law

Why is this a very important step?

SO, in September, 1774 The Sons of Liberty organize a meeting of all 13 colonies together called The First Continental Congress.

Their task (and your homework) is to debate and decide what the response should be.

Should we declare independence or not?

