

SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS:

USHC.1.CO Analyze the development of the American identity through the founding principles and social and economic development of the Northern and Southern colonies from 1607–1763 using a comparative analysis.

USHC.1.CE Assess the major developments of the American Revolution through significant turning points in the debates over independence and self-government from 1763–1791.

ELA STANDARD:

Present information, findings, and supporting evidence effectively with an organization, development, and style appropriate for a variety of audiences, tasks, and purposes **ELA.E4.C.7.1**

THE AMERICAN Independence



1765

The Stamp Act

The British Parliament passed The Stamp Act on March 22, 1765. This was the first direct tax on the American colonies and provoked an immediate and violent response throughout the colonies. [Read more](#)



1767

The Townshend Acts

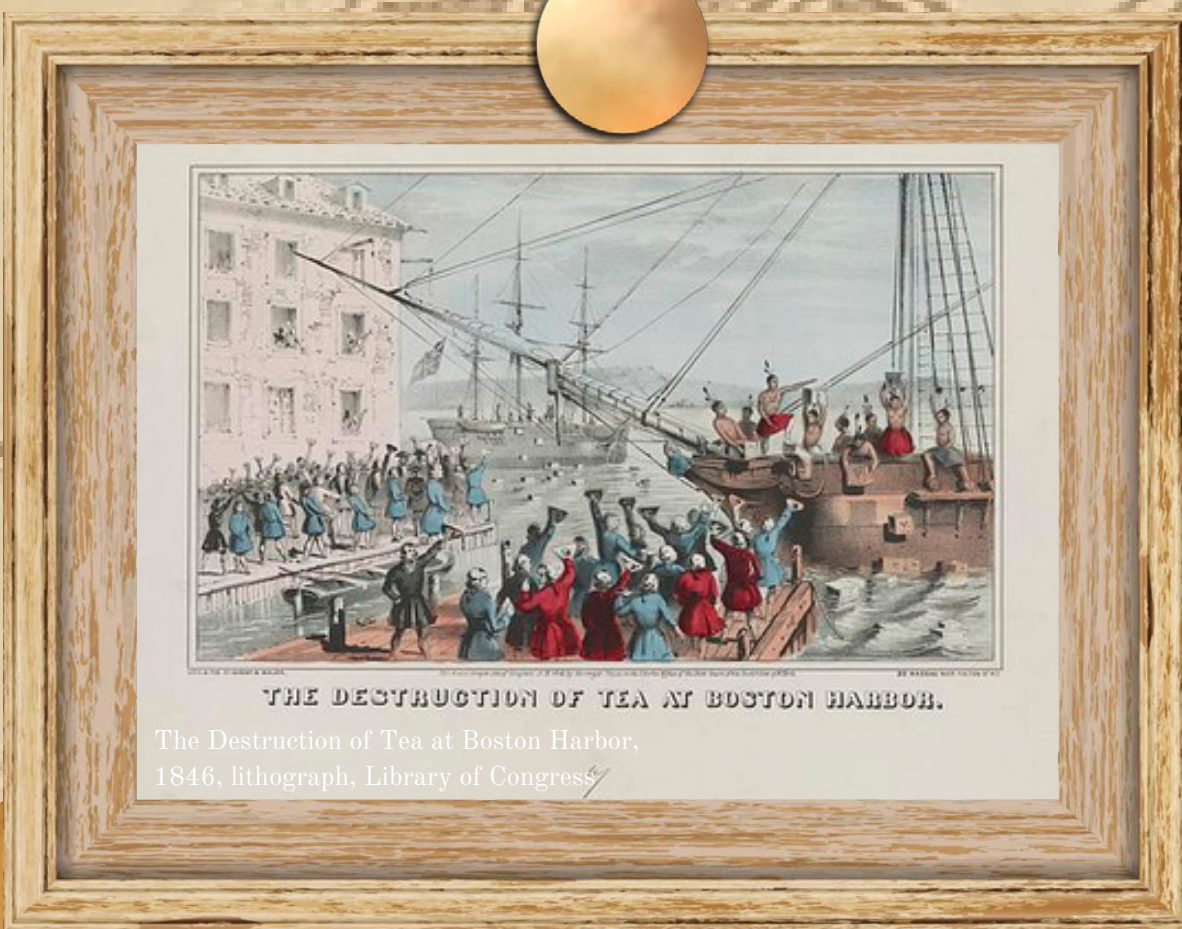
The Townshend Acts, named after Charles Townshend, British chancellor of the Exchequer, imposed duties on British china, glass, lead, paint, paper and tea imported to the colonies. [Read more](#). [The Townshend Acts](#):



1770

The Boston Massacre

On the night of March 5, 1770, a crowd of colonists clashed with British soldiers, killing five of them. Patriots used the event to heavily promote independence from Britain. [Read more...](#)



1773

The Boston Tea Party

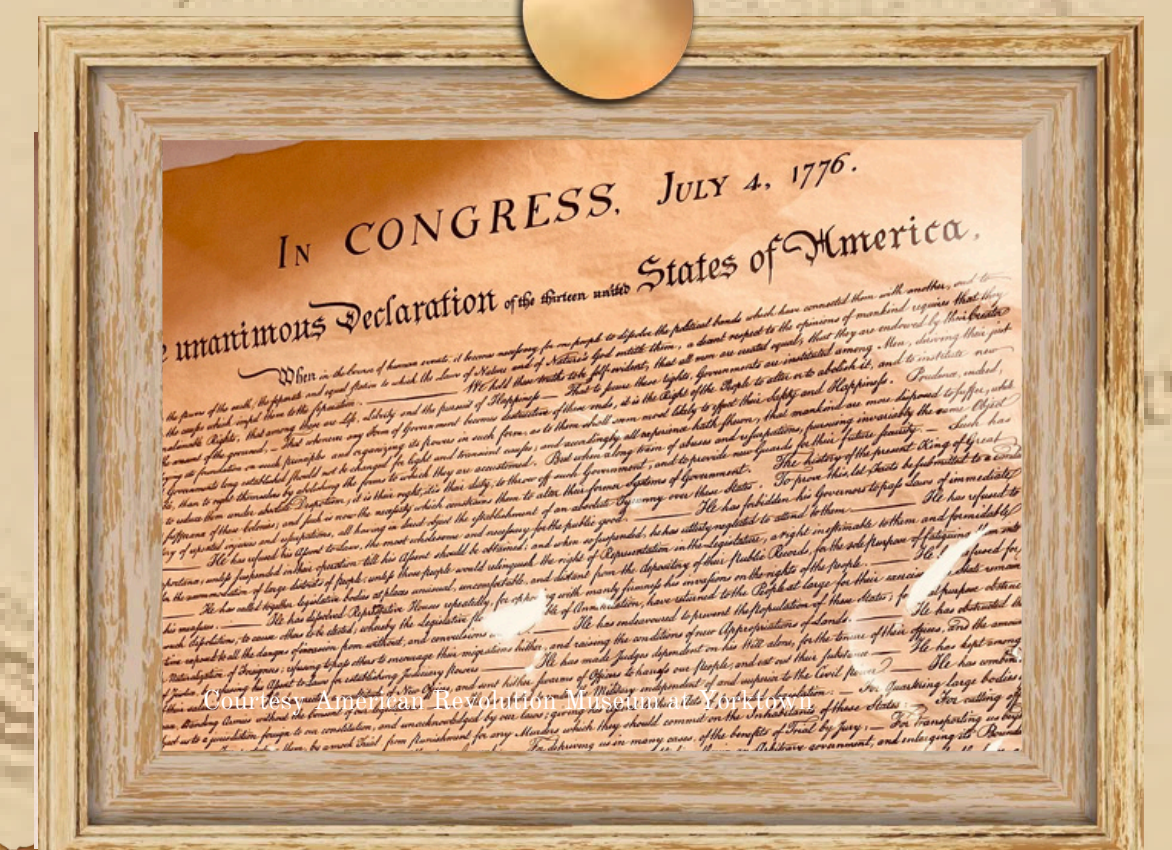
In a protest against British taxation, protestors board three ships in Boston Harbor and throw 342 chests of tea into the water. [Read more...](#)



1775

The Battle of Lexington and Concord

The first shots of the revolution are fired, marking the beginning of armed conflict. [Read more...](#)



1776

The Declaration of Independence

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. [Read more...](#)

[SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION](#)



1781

Gen. Cornwallis Surrenders at Yorktown

British General Charles Cornwallis publicly surrenders to General George Washington and his American soldiers in Yorktown, Virginia, ending the American Revolution. [Read more...](#)



1783

The Treaty of Paris signed

Signed in Paris by representatives from the United States and Great Britain, the treaty officially ends the American Revolutionary War. [Read more...](#)



1787

The US Constitution drafted

The Federal Convention convened in the State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia on May 14, 1787, to revise the Articles of Confederation, drafting a newly framed government. [Read more...](#)

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FROM COLONIAL TO A COUNTRY

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