**Events Leading to the American Revolution**

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| **Proclamation of 1763** | 1763 | Colonists were no longer allowed to settle west of the Appalachian Mts. | Tensions began to grow between the colonists and the British. |
| **Stamp Act** | 1765 | Placed a *tax* on printed materials that were made and sold in the colonies. | Colonists reacted with *anger* because they never voted for Parliament, so Parliament **could** **not** tax them. |
| **Townshend Acts** | 1767 | Placed a *tax* on imported goods from Great Britain. | The colonists started to *boycott* British imports.  **Boycott**-a refusal to buy goods. |
| **Boston Massacre** | March 5, 1770 | British soldiers shot into a crowd of angry colonists and killed five people. | The soldiers went to trial and found not guilty of murder, but two were guilty of manslaughter. |

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| **Committee of Correspondence** | 1772 | Formed for faster communication. Used riders on fast horses. | They were soon formed all over the colonies. |
| **Tea Act** | 1773 | Only one company was allowed to sell tea to the colonies-the East India Co. | Colonists said it wasn’t fair, and ships wouldn’t be allowed to unload at any port. |
| **Boston Tea Party** | Dec. 16, 1773 | Colonists dressed as Mohawks dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest the Tea Act. | Britain punished Boston with the Intolerable Acts. |
| **Intolerable (Coercive) Acts** | 1774 | -sent soldiers back to Boston.  -MA was put under control of Gen. Gage.  -closed Boston’s port until the tea was paid for. | It forced people to take sides, and leaders met in Philly to discuss how to oppose these acts. |

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| **First Continental Congress** | 1774 | Leaders met in Philly and voted to stop trading with Britain, and start training *militias*, or volunteer armies. | Patriot leaders went home and began organizing militias. |
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