

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Classroom Reference Timeline: 1763 - 1783

1763 Proclamation of 1763 British government prohibits colonial settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains.

1765 The Stamp Act First direct British tax on American colonists; sparks "No Taxation Without Representation."

1770 The Boston Massacre Tensions escalate as British soldiers fire into a crowd, killing five colonists.

1773 The Boston Tea Party Protestors dump British tea into the harbor to protest the Tea Act.

1775 Lexington and Concord The "Shot Heard 'Round the World"-first military engagements of the war.

1776 Declaration of Independence The Continental Congress formally adopts the document severing ties with Britain.

1777 Battle of Saratoga A major American victory and turning point that secured French support.

1781 Siege of Yorktown General Cornwallis surrenders to Washington, effectively ending the fighting.

1783 Treaty of Paris Official end of the war; Britain recognizes American independence.