

CAUSES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Chronological Reference Chart

1763 The Proclamation of 1763

British decree forbidding colonial settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains following the French and Indian War.

1764 The Sugar Act

Increased duties on foreign sugar and molasses; first major attempt to collect revenue from the colonies.

1765 The Stamp Act

Direct tax requiring a government stamp on all legal documents, newspapers, and playing cards.

1770 The Boston Massacre

A confrontation where British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists, killing five people.

1773 The Tea Act & Boston Tea Party

Colonists protested a British tea monopoly by dumping 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor.

1774 The Intolerable Acts

Series of punitive laws passed by Parliament to punish Massachusetts for the Tea Party.

1775 Lexington and Concord

The "Shot Heard 'Round the World"-the first military engagements of the Revolutionary War.