

Parliament

Britain's law-making
assembly

Stamp Act

law passed by Parliament in
1765 that taxed printed materials
in the 13 colonies

repeal

to cancel

Sons of Liberty

group of Patriots who worked to
oppose British rule before the
American Revolution

Townshend Acts

law passed by Parliament in
1767 that taxed goods imported
by the 13 Colonies from Britain

tarriff

a tax on imported goods

boycott

organized refusal to buy goods

Daughters of Liberty

groups of American women Patriots who wove cloth to replace boycotted British goods

Boston Massacre

event in 1770 in Boston in which British soldiers killed 5 colonists who were part of an angry group that had surrounded them

Committee of Correspondence

groups of colonists formed in the 1770s to spread news quickly about protests against the British

Tea Act

law passed by Parliament in the early 1770s stating that only the East India Company, a British business, could sell tea to the 13 Colonies

Boston Tea Party

Protest against British taxes in which the Sons of Liberty boarded British ships and dumped tea into Boston Harbor in 1773

Intolerable Acts

Laws by passed by British Parliament to punish the people of Boston following the Boston Tea Party

Patriots

American colonists who opposed British rule

Loyalists

colonists who remained loyal to the British during the American Revolution

First Continental Congress

meeting of representatives from every colony except Georgia, held in Philadelphia in 1774 to discuss actions to take in response to the Intolerable Acts

militia

volunteer armies

minutemen

colonial militia groups that could be ready to fight at a minute's notice

American Revolution

the war between the 13 Colonies and Great Britain from 1775 to 1783 in which the 13 Colonies won their independence and became the United States

Battle of Bunker Hill

costly victory for British troops over the Patriots in Charlestown, Massachusetts, in the American Revolution on June 17, 1775