

The Road to Revolution

As we read Ch. 6, “The Road to Revolution,” we will discuss various historical figures and events that contributed to the conflicts between Great Britain and the American colonies. We will also discuss how both the **actions and reactions** of Great Britain and the American colonists led to the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution. In many cases, the British government and the American colonists clashed over the issue of taxes and the power of Parliament.

As a Social Studies class, we will be focusing on a chain of events that led to the colonists declaring their independence from British rule. We will be looking at the **causes and effects** of each event, and we will examine how each event increased tensions between Great Britain and the American colonies. In some cases, **action** was taken by the British government, and the colonies **reacted**. In other cases, the colonies took **action**, and the British government **reacted**.

To accomplish this goal, students will present an “**Action/Reaction Report.**” Working by yourself, or with a partner, students will give a brief oral presentation to the class. For the presentation, students will:

1. **Select one event from the “Road to Revolution.”**
2. **Explain what the event is.**
3. **Explain who was involved in the event.**
4. **Explain why the event took place.**
5. **Provide a labeled (including date) illustration for the “Road to Revolution” timeline that represents the event.**

The events that students will present are:

Proclamation Act 1763	Boston Tea Party 1773
Sugar Act 1764	Intolerable Acts 1774
Quartering Act 1765	First Continental Congress 1774
Stamp Act 1765	“Paul Revere’s” Midnight Ride
Declaratory Act 1766	Battle of Lexington 1775
Sons of Liberty	Battle of Concord 1775
Townshend Acts 1767	Second Continental Congress 1775
Boston Massacre 1770	Olive Branch Petition 1775
Tea Act 1773	Common Sense 1776
Declaration of Independence 1776	

These events are listed in **chronological order**. This means that the Action/Reaction Reports will be presented in **chronological order**.

Action/Reaction Reports are due: *Tuesday October 9, 2012*