

# Conflict in the Colonies

## Chapter 3 Section 5 (Part 3)

**BUILDING BACKGROUND** As the British colonies grew and became prosperous, the colonists got used to running their own lives. Britain began to seem very far away. At the same time, officials in Britain still expected the colonies to obey them and to earn money for Britain. Parliament passed new laws and imposed new taxes. But the colonists found various ways to challenge them.

# GREAT BRITAIN RAISES TAXES

- Parliament raised the colonists' taxes for money to pay for the French and Indian War and a British army kept in North America to protect the colonists against American Indian attacks.
- Parliament also tried harder to arrest smugglers avoiding taxes by searching peoples homes and shops



# Stamp Act of 1765

- Many colonists believed Britain had no right to tax them without their permission.
- **Samuel Adams** spread the slogan “No Taxation without Representation.”
- He also developed the **committees of correspondence** a communication network for the colonists
- Colonists chose to boycott, refusing to buy British goods.
- They hoped Parliament would end the new taxes.
- The **Stamp Act of 1765** meant a tax had to be paid on legal documents, licenses, and other items



# Townshend Acts

- The **Townshend Acts** charged taxes on imported glass, lead, paints, paper, and tea.
- Boston's Sons of Liberty attacked the customs houses to protest the taking of a ship on suspicion of smuggling.
- British soldiers came in 1768 to restore order.



# BOSTON MASSACRE

- On March 5, 1770, a few troops fired on Bostonians throwing snowballs at them.
- That led to the **Boston Massacre**.
- The soldiers and their officer were charged with murder.
- A jury found the officer and six soldiers acted in self-defense and were not guilty.
- Two soldiers were convicted of accidental killing.



# THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

- Parliament ended almost all the Townshend Acts but left the tax on tea.
- Colonists united against the **Tea Act**.
- In November 1773 the Boston Tea Party showed the colonists' spirit of rebellion.



# THE INTOLERABLE ACTS

- The Boston Tea Party made the new British Prime Minister very angry.
- Parliament punished Boston by passing the **Intolerable Acts**.
- The laws closed Boston Harbor until the colonists paid for the lost tea.

