R3. EX 6. Đọc bài đọc sau đây và trả lời câu hỏi.

The American Revolution

The American Revolution ended British rule over America. The result was the formation of the United States in 1776.

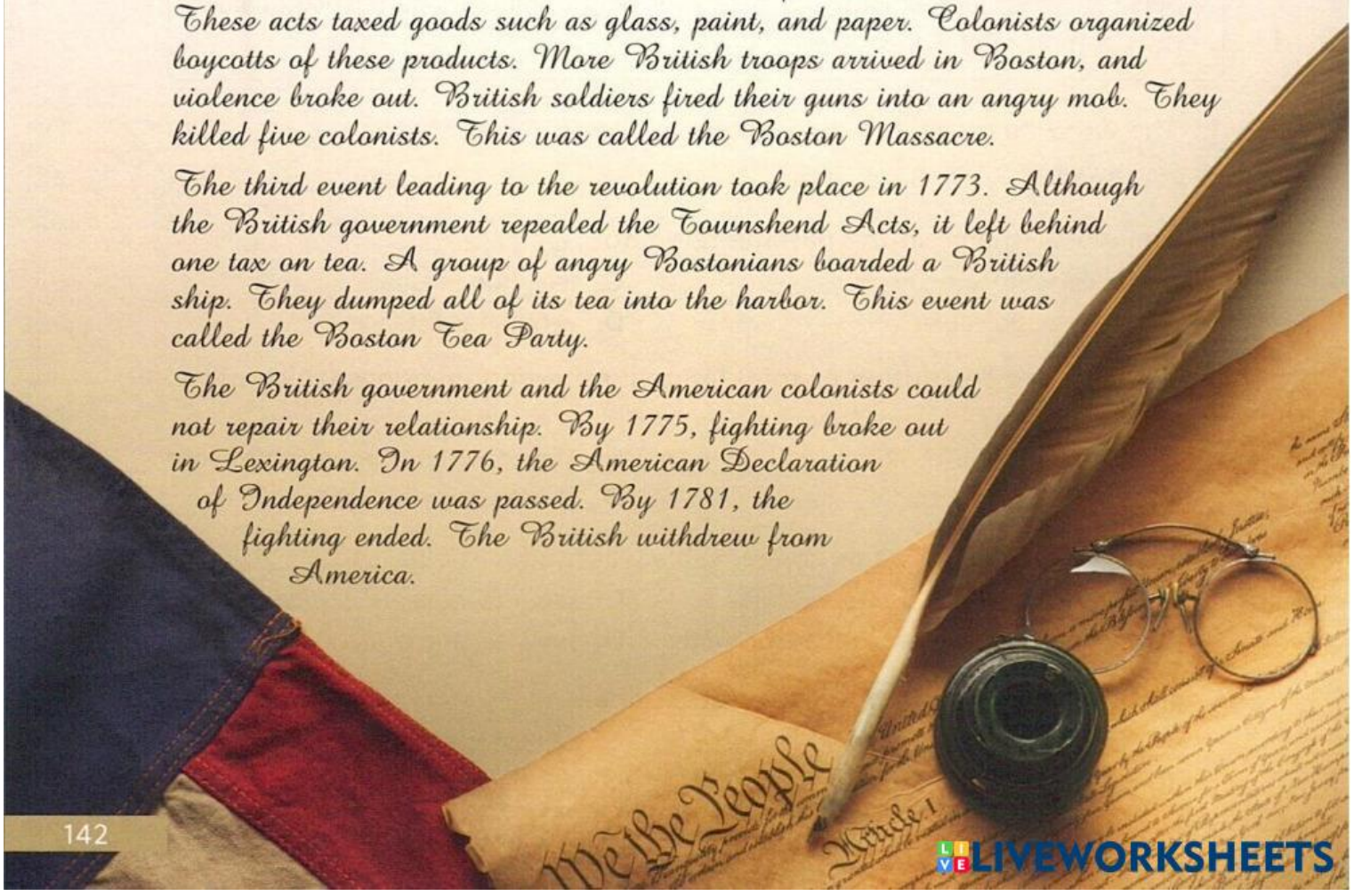
The American Revolution began with a shift in ideology. The Americans were unhappy with the British monarchy. Founding fathers such as Thomas Jefferson and Samuel Adams led the new way of thinking. People from all classes wanted to have a voice in the government. Corruption was seen as the greatest evil. Civic virtue was seen as the greatest good. Family status no longer decided a person's place in society.

The unrest that led to the Revolutionary War can be linked to three events. First, in 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act. This tax on all paper goods was passed to pay for more British troops in America. The colonists complained because they were already being taxed to pay for troops to put them down. This led to more protests and disobedience. The Stamp Act was repealed.

The second wave came in 1767. Parliament passed the Townshend Acts. These acts taxed goods such as glass, paint, and paper. Colonists organized boycotts of these products. More British troops arrived in Boston, and violence broke out. British soldiers fired their guns into an angry mob. They killed five colonists. This was called the Boston Massacre.

The third event leading to the revolution took place in 1773. Although the British government repealed the Townshend Acts, it left behind one tax on tea. A group of angry Bostonians boarded a British ship. They dumped all of its tea into the harbor. This event was called the Boston Tea Party.

The British government and the American colonists could not repair their relationship. By 1775, fighting broke out in Lexington. In 1776, the American Declaration of Independence was passed. By 1781, the fighting ended. The British withdrew from America.



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1. The expression "have a voice" in paragraph 2 most nearly means to _____.
   A. speak out in favor of the government
   B. overturn the government
   C. participate in the government
   D. be united in opinion about the government

2. The word "them" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
   A. paper goods B. colonists C. troops D. protests

3. According to the passage, which of the following is true of the American Revolution?
   A. It helped the British gain more land.
   B. It freed America from British rule.
   C. It was a minor war.
   D. It was triggered by the British government's corruption.

4. According to paragraph 5, why did the American colonists bring about the Boston Tea Party?
   A. They were angry about the British tax on tea.
   B. They did not want the Townshend Acts.
   C. They wanted to fight the British.
   D. They wanted to go back to Britain.

5. It is mentioned in the last paragraph that _____.
   A. the dispute between the two sides could not be settled peacefully
   B. the American colonists could not repair the British ship
   C. the British government could not repair the harmed relationship
   D. the fighting in Lexington broke out and could not be repaired



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