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## Causes of the American Revolution w visuals

**Directions:** Read the text and then answer the questions by putting an "x" in the box in front of the correct answer.



Before the American Revolutionary War, the original thirteen states of the United States of America were colonies of Great Britain. Great Britain was a **monarchy** ruled by a king or queen. During this time, the French and Indian War was fought between Great Britain and France for control over lands in North America,



especially lands west of the existing British colonies. This war between two major European powers caused the Seven Years' War in Europe. During this time of wars, it was in the best interest of the British Empire to defend the colonies. After the wars ended, **Britain had gained control** over most of North America **east of the Mississippi River**.



Britain had invested heavily in defending the colonies and now wanted to show authority over them by



**imposing heavy taxes**. As a result, the colonists formed what were called committees of correspondence. These lead to the establishment of Provincial Congresses in the colonies, their first independent governments. These provincial governments of the thirteen colonies joined together in the First Continental Congress in 1774. In response, the British government sent

troops, dissolved the local governments, and enacted more taxes and rules. The **Revolutionary War** **began in 1775** and the Declaration of Independence was written in 1776.



War

1. Before the American Revolution  Great Britain  was

☐ a. A monarchy

☐ b. A democracy ]



2. After the Seven Years' War  ended 

☐ a. France  still owned  Canada 

☐ b. Britain  controlled the lands east  of the Mississippi River 

3. A main cause  of the American Revolution  was

☐ a. France  took control  of New Amsterdam 

☐ b. Britain  imposed heavy taxes  on the colonies 

5. The Revolutionary War  began

☐ a. in 2020

☐ b. in 1775