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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.

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