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American Revolution Vocabulary

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| a) American Revolutionary War | a war fought from 1775–1783 initiated by delegates from the thirteen American colonies in Congress against Great Britain over their objection to Parliament's taxation policies and lack of colonial representation. |
| b) Boston Tea Party | a 1773 protest against British taxes in which colonists dumped tea into Boston Harbor |
| c) boycott | to refuse to do business or have contact with a person, group, country, or product |
| d) colony | group of persons and land that belong to another nation |
| e) Committees of Correspondence | groups organized in the 1700s to keep colonists informed of important events |
| f) Continental Army | the army created by the Second Continental Congress with George Washington as commander-in-chief |
| g) Continental Congress | the governing body by which the American colonial governments coordinated their resistance to British rule during the first two years of the American Revolution |
| h) Declaration of Independence | the official document by the Second Continental Congress explaining why the colonies were breaking away from England |
| i) delegate | a member of an elected assembly |
| j) French and Indian War | A war fought by Great Britain and the British Colonies from 1754-63 against the French and Indians to gain control of land west of the colonies |

k) Intolerable Acts	laws passed by Parliament that closed Boston Harbor, ended the Massachusetts assembly, and forced colonists to quarter British soldiers
l) liberty	freedom
m) Loyalist	a colonist who supported Great Britain in the American Revolution
n) mercenary	a soldier paid to fight for another country
o) militia	a group of volunteers who fought in times of emergency during the colonial period and the Revolutionary War
p) Minutemen	well-trained volunteer soldiers who defended the American colonies at a minute's notice
q) monarchy	Government led by royalty such as king or queen with absolute power and authority
r) No taxation without representation	Rallying cry of the colonists against the British rule of taxing them without giving them a voice or rights in their lives
s) Parliament	The governing and lawmaking body of Great Britain
t) patriot	an American colonist who supported the fight for independence
u) petition	a written request signed by many people
v) Quartering Act of 1765	A law that required the colonies to house British soldiers in barracks or housing provided by the colonies
w) rebel	to oppose those in charge because of different ideas of what is right

x) repeal	to withdraw or cancel
y) Sons of Liberty	groups of colonists who organized themselves to protest against the British government
z) Stamp Act	a law passed by Parliament requiring colonists to pay a tax on all paper products
aa) Townshend Acts	taxes passed by Parliament in 1767 for goods brought into the colonies
bb) treason	the betrayal of one's country by giving help to the enemy
cc) traitor	someone who turns against his or her country
dd) Tory	another word for Loyalist
ee) Redcoat	a term for a British soldier