AMERICAN REVOLUTION FLOW CHART

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

England wins the French and Indian War in 1763. England faces massive war debts.

Parliament decides to tax the 13 British-American colonies for the 1st time. 1764 – Parliament passes the Sugar Act (tax).

1765- Parliament passes the Stamp Act.

Colonists begin protests. (Sons of Liberty)

Parliament passes the Declaratory Act declaring that Parliament is in control of the 13 colonies.

To reinforce their point, Parliament passes the Townsend Acts. Growing protests lead King George III to send troops to Boston.

March 5, 1770 – Boston Massacre. British soldiers shoot and kill 5 colonists. 1773 - Parliament passes the Tea Act.

Dec. 16, 1773 – Boston Tea Party.

1774 – Parliament passes the Coercive Acts, forcing Massachusetts to pay for the ruined tea.

SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

April 19, 1775 - Shots fired at

Battle of Bunker's Hill. (Breed's Hill)

British Soldiers kicked

out of Massachusetts.

Continentals win

Battle of Boston.

Lexington Green.

British stopped at Concord.

British Regulars ambushed by Minutemen on road back to Boston.

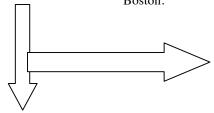
Paul Revere's midnight ride alerts the minutemen.

British soldiers sneak out of Boston to capture John Hancock & Sam Adams at Concord. Patriot leaders leave Boston to seek safety in outlining towns.

Boston's Port closed.

Citizens arrested without charge.

Quartering of soldiers.



DECLARING INDEPENDENCE

 2nd Continental Congress Delegates from all 13 colonies meet in Philadelphia. John Hancock is president.

Franklin, Adams & Jefferson lead the Independence movement.

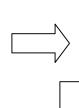


July 4th 1776 – Independence is declared. United States is born.

July 1776 – British army under General Howe (30,000 men) invades New York.

Washington's army is in full retreat across New Jersey.

Washington's Christmas attack at Trenton captures 900 Hessian (German) troops.



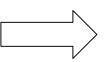
1777 - British invade into Pennsylvania.

WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

1777 - Battle of Saratoga, Americans capture a British army led by General Burgoyne.

Valley Forge – Von Steuben trains the Continental army.

1778 France agrees to join war on the side of the Americans.



British General Cornwallis invades South Carolina.

Americans start winning some key battles in the South & on the western frontier.

Americans win major battles at sea. (John Paul Jones)

1781- Americans & French capture Cornwallis's army at Yorktown.



1783- British sign Treaty of Paris.

America is free & independent!