Events Leading to American Revolution

**French and Indian War**
- Made Americans realize that they must unite to defend the French. A league of union was called for and the government called for taxes to support the war effort.

**Sugar Act (1764)**
- Tax on sugar and molasses imported to colonies, paid by merchants.

**Stamp Act (1765)**
- Tax on legal papers (wills, diplomas, marriage certificates). Stamps placed on items when tax was paid.

**Riots/Stamp Act Congress**
- Riots attack on collectors representing the Colonies' tax collectors. Tensions led to rioting with town hall anderson du Pont.

**Quartering Act (1766)**
- Law that colonists must give food and lodging to British soldiers.

**Townshend Acts (1767)**
- Tax on imported goods such as glass, tea, paper, and lead.

**Tea Act (1773)**
- Allowed the British East India Company to sell tea directly to shop owners, made colonial tea merchants angry.

**Intolerable Acts (1774)**
- Closed Boston Harbor
- Forced Bostonians to provide shelter to British soldiers
- Violated colonists' rights as English citizens

**Writs of Assistance**
- Allowed British officers to search any location for smuggled goods.

**Non-Importation Agreements**
- Merchant decided to stop buying and selling British goods.

**Navigation Acts**
- Strict laws that told the colonies what they could and could not import or export.