The Revolutionary War

**IDEAS**

No taxation without 
Representation: Colonists were angry because they had to pay British taxes, but they did not have representation in the British Parliament.

Declaration of Independence: Document stating that colonies were free and independent from Britain.

Common Sense: Written by Thomas Paine. Pamphlet urged colonies to declare their independence.

Common Sense is an example of a primary source.

**ACTIONS**

Sons of Liberty: Group of colonial men who organized protests against the taxes in every colony.

Boston Massacre: Incident including the shooting of 5 Bostonians by British soldiers in 1770.

Boston Tea Party: Colonists protested the Tea Act by dropping tea in the sea and forcing British tea ships to turn around.


**WAR**

Shot heard around the world: Battle of Lexington and Concord. Patriots won.


Turning Point: Battle of Saratoga. British strategy to capture N.Y. Convinced France to support the Patriots.

British wave the white flag: British surrender at the Battle of Yorktown.