

In 1770 British soldiers killed five American colonists in the "Boston Massacre." Paul Revere, a well known patriot and silversmith created an etching of the massacre showing British soldiers shooting into a crowd of angry colonists. Paul Revere did not show a true

representation but this etching was one of the events that helped start the revolution. There are a few other events that helped start the revolution. The British were treating the colonists wrong. King George was taxing the colonists in North America.

England had just finished fighting the French & Indian war. The war left England weak and poor. England decided to tax the colonists.

Every legal document that the colonists got must have a stamp purchased from the British.

The cost of the stamp act was small but the colonists were not mad at the cost they were mad about taxation without representation. The colonists had no say in the taxing by England. This particular series of taxing was called the Stamp Act.

The colonists were angry. A group of colonists called the Sons of Liberty in 1773 dressed up like Native Americans and set off to Griffin's Wharf. There in Griffin's Wharf a cargo of tea awaited them. The Sons of Liberty broke 342 chests of tea and threw the chest into the water. The Sons of Liberty did this because they disagreed with England. The

Patriots in Boston thought it was unfair that only one company was allowed to sell tea. They were also angry that England kept the high tax on tea. This event called the "Boston Tea Party" help start the war.

After the Sons of Liberty threw tea chests in the water protesting taxation without representation King George turned furious. King George created the Quartering Act states that the colonists had to house British soldiers if they asked. Colonists also had to supply free barracks, apple cider, food, and cooking utensils and firewood. Colonists had to provide bedding for a soldier and the British troops were allowed to stay in all inns, alehouses and unoccupied building. King George has just made the colonists furious.

In 1775, the Battle of Lexington and Concord happened. Patriots then started started other battles. Finally after the revolutionary war was over England let go of 13 colonies. The colonists became their own country, our home, America. Even though Paul Revere's etching didn't show a true event, it influenced the colonists to fight for freedom.

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And Then What Happened, Paul Revere  
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