



Experience	Word	Definition
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	activism	actions like protests, boycotts, petitions, or other actions used to bring about political or social change
Patriots vs. Loyalists – The Debate Over Independence	allegiance	loyalty or commitment to a group or cause
Influences on the Colonists	awakening	a time when people become more aware or start to change their thinking
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	boycott	to refuse to buy or use certain goods or services as a form of activism
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	committee	a group of people chosen to work together on a specific task or goal
Declaration of Independence	consent	permission or agreement for something to happen or be done
Rising Tensions in the Colonies	convene	to come together for a meeting or activity
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	correspondance	written communication, like letters, shared between a group
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	Daughters of Liberty	a group of colonial women who supported boycotts by making goods at home
The French and Indian War	debt	money that is owed to someone else
American Victory	decisive	settling an outcome or conflict in a conclusive way that makes a result certain
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	declaration	a formal public statement
Rising Tensions in the Colonies	delegate	a person chosen to represent others at a meeting
The French and Indian War	expansion	the act of growing or spreading into new areas



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Rising Tensions in the Colonies	First Continental Congress	a meeting of colonial leaders in 1774 in Philadelphia that convened in response to the Intolerable Acts
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	formal	something that is official and follows set rules or traditions
The Early War	fortification	a structure built to protect a place from attack
Influences on the Colonists	foundation	the base or starting point that something is built on
African Americans and the Revolution	freedmen	formerly enslaved people who are now free
Rising Conflicts in the West	frontier	an undeveloped area at the edge of settled land
Rising Tensions in the Colonies	grievances	complaints or concerns about unfair treatment or wrongs
Women During the Revolution	home front	the civilian population and activities of a nation during wartime
New Taxes in the Colonies	impose	to force something, like a law or rule, to be accepted
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	independence	freedom from being ruled by another person or country
Women During the Revolution	intelligence	information gathered about an enemy's plans or actions
The French and Indian War	militia	a group of local, part-time soldiers who are not part of a regular army
Lexington and Concord	minutemen	colonial militia members ready to fight at a minute's notice
The Boston Tea Party	monopoly	when one company or group controls all the supply of a product or service
The French and Indian War	neutral	not taking sides in a conflict or disagreement
Patriots vs. Loyalists – The Debate Over	neutralist	colonists who did not take sides during the American Revolution



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Independence		
Turning Points and Foreign Allies	neutrality	the state of not taking sides in a conflict or disagreement
Rising Conflicts in the West	land grant	free land given by a government to encourage settlement or reward service
Influences on the Colonists	liberty	the state of being free and able to make choices
Turning Points and Foreign Allies	Loyalists	colonists who remained loyal to Britain during the American Revolution
The Boston Massacre	occupy	to take control of and stay in a place, often by using force
New Taxes in the Colonies	oppose	to be against something or to try to stop it
New Taxes in the Colonies	Parliament	the group in Britain that makes laws and decisions for the country
Influences on the Colonists	pamphlet	a short printed booklet used to share ideas or information
Lexington and Concord	Patriots	colonists who supported independence from Britain
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	petition	a formal written request asking for a change, signed by many people
The French and Indian War	political cartoon	a drawing that uses humor or symbols to express an opinion about politics or current events
Rising Conflicts in the West	proclamation	an official public announcement made by a person in power
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	protest	a public gathering where people show strong disagreement with a rule or decision, often using images, signs, or speech to express their views



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Rising Tensions in the Colonies	punitive	meant to punish or cause suffering
African Americans and the Revolution	rations	fixed amounts of food or supplies given out regularly
Lexington and Concord	rebel	a person who resists or fights against authority
Second Continental Congress and Independence	rebellion	an act of resistance against a government or leader
African Americans and the Revolution	recruit	to bring someone into a group or organization, especially the military
African Americans and the Revolution	regiment	a military unit made up of a large group of soldiers
Lexington and Concord	Red Coats	nickname for British soldiers based on the red jackets of their uniforms
Lexington and Concord	reinforcements	extra soldiers sent to support a battle
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	repeal	to officially cancel a law so it no longer exists
Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	resistance	efforts to fight against or refuse to accept something, like unfair rules or control
Rising Tensions in the Colonies	resolve	a firm decision or agreement to do something
Lexington and Concord	retreat	when soldiers move back to avoid fighting or danger
Lexington and Concord	siege	when an army surrounds a place to cut it off with the aim of forcing a surrender from the opposition
New Taxes in the Colonies	smuggling	secretly bringing goods into or out of a place to avoid paying taxes or following laws



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Boycotts, Protests, and Colonial Activism	Sons of Liberty	a group of colonial men who organized protests against British rule
Rising Conflicts in the West	speculator	someone who buys land or goods hoping to sell them later for a profit
Declaration of Independence	state	a political group with its own government and territory
The Early War	supplies	materials and resources needed to complete a task
Second Continental Congress and Independence	supress	to stop something by using force or control
Women During the Revolution	sutler	a merchant who sold supplies to soldiers in camp or on the battlefield
New Taxes in the Colonies	tax	money people must pay to the government to support its work
American Victory	terms	the conditions or agreements that are officially decided in a treaty or contract
Patriots vs. Loyalists – The Debate Over Independence	tories	colonists who remained loyal to the British king during the American Revolution
American Victory	Treaty of Paris of 1783	the agreement that officially ended the American Revolution and recognized the United States as an independent nation
Influences on the Colonists	tyrant	a ruler who uses power in a harsh or unfair way
Influences on the Colonists	tyranny	unfair and cruel use of power by a ruler or government