

Vocabulary

- **Salutary neglect:** the British did not completely focus on the acts of trade in the American colonies
- **Poor Richard's Almanack:** a collection of articles published by Benjamin Franklin containing humor, wisdom, and information
- **Albany Plan of Union:** a plan to unite the American colonies against the French before the French and Indian War
- **Zenger trial:** court case of John Peter Zenger when he was accused of libel against the governor of his colony; Zenger won his case helping solidify freedom of press
- **Libel:** (1770s meaning)--printing words against the government; (2010s meaning)--publishing false statements that damage a person's reputation
- **Freedom of press:** the right to circulate opinions in print without permission from the government

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- **Mercantilism:** a system of trade controlled by the government including price and destination of the products
- **Proclamation of 1763:** the British government told the colonists they could not move past the Appalachian Mountains
- **Sugar Act:** taxes placed on sugar in the American colonies
- **Quartering Act:** colonists were forced to house British soldiers in their homes
- **Stamp Act:** taxes forced on colonists which required them to pay a tax on every piece of printed paper they used
- **Townshend Act:** taxes on glass, paints, and most especially tea
- **Boston Massacre:** argument between British soldiers and colonists raised to shooting which killed 5 people
- **Boston Tea Party:** members of secret society dumped barrels of tea into the Boston Harbor

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- **Continental Army:** army of the colonists lead by George Washington
- **Hessians:** German soldiers paid by the British to fight the Continental Army
- **Loyalists:** colonists who supported the British government and wanted to stay a part of Great Britain
- **Patriots:** colonists who supported the Continental Army and wanted to create a new country
- **Declaration of Independence:** written by Thomas Jefferson telling the British the colonies want independence
- **Battle of Lexington and Concord:** first battles of the American Revolution
- **Valley Forge:** camp of the Continental Army during the winter
- **Battle of Yorktown:** final battle of the American Revolution where the British surrender after being surrounded by colonists on land and French in the ocean