

Discover America

Course 3 - Teacher Guide



**COURSE 3: THE ORIGINAL COLONIES
AND THE BOSTON TEA PARTY**

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Key Themes

- Boldness
- Freedom
- Persistence

Core Values

- Faith
- Liberty
- Community
- Life

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Tell what the Townshend Acts of 1767 did to the colonists.
- Explain what a protest is and why the colonists were protesting.



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Key Terms

- 01 **boycott** - to stop buying or using something in order to send a message.
- 02 **protest** - publicly expressing disagreement with something for others to see.
- 03 **Townshend Acts of 1767** - taxed items including paint, paper, glass, lead, and tea.

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Introduction

ASK Students

Imagine you went to the snack bar during recess and your favorite bag of chips, which always cost \$1.00, suddenly costs \$2.00! In this pretend scenario, the price of chips at the snack bar has gone up because the school principal has decided to put a tax on chips. What this means is the extra dollar you are paying for your snack goes to the principal—not to the snack bar or the company that made the chips. To make matters worse, the principal can decide if he wants to take away the tax or raise it even higher!

Does this seem fair to you?

Will you still be able to buy chips from the snack bar in the future?

(allow students to respond)

TELL Students

Something very similar to this happened to the American colonists while they were still under British rule. The King could choose to tax anything he wanted, and the colonists would have to pay. They did not have any say in what happened.

WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



Scan Me!

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Lesson Guide

The Townshend Acts

TELL Students

One year later, after the removal of the taxes imposed by the Stamp Act, the British government imposed the Townshend Acts of 1767, which taxed even more items, including paint, paper, glass, lead, and tea. The colonists were so angry that they organized boycotts of British goods as well as protests and demonstrations.

What is a protest, you ask? A protest is a demonstration that is done by one or many people and can take many forms. One example of a protest is a march with people carrying signs, and wearing t-shirts and stickers. Protests give people the opportunity to tell a government, a company, or a group, "Hey! We don't like what you're doing. You need to change these things if you want our support back." It is important to remember that protests should always be respectful of other people and property.

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The Townshend Acts

TELL Students

While the colonists continued rallying support, British soldiers were deployed to enforce these laws and keep the unruly colonists in line. The presence of British troops, also called "Redcoats" because of the color of their uniform, increased tensions between the colonists and the British crown. This eventually led to fighting and other demonstrations. The colonists reminded the government, "no taxation without representation," which meant they did not think it was fair that they did not have a say in the matter.

REFLECTIONS

How did the taxes imposed by the King affect the lives of the colonists?

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Flash Cards



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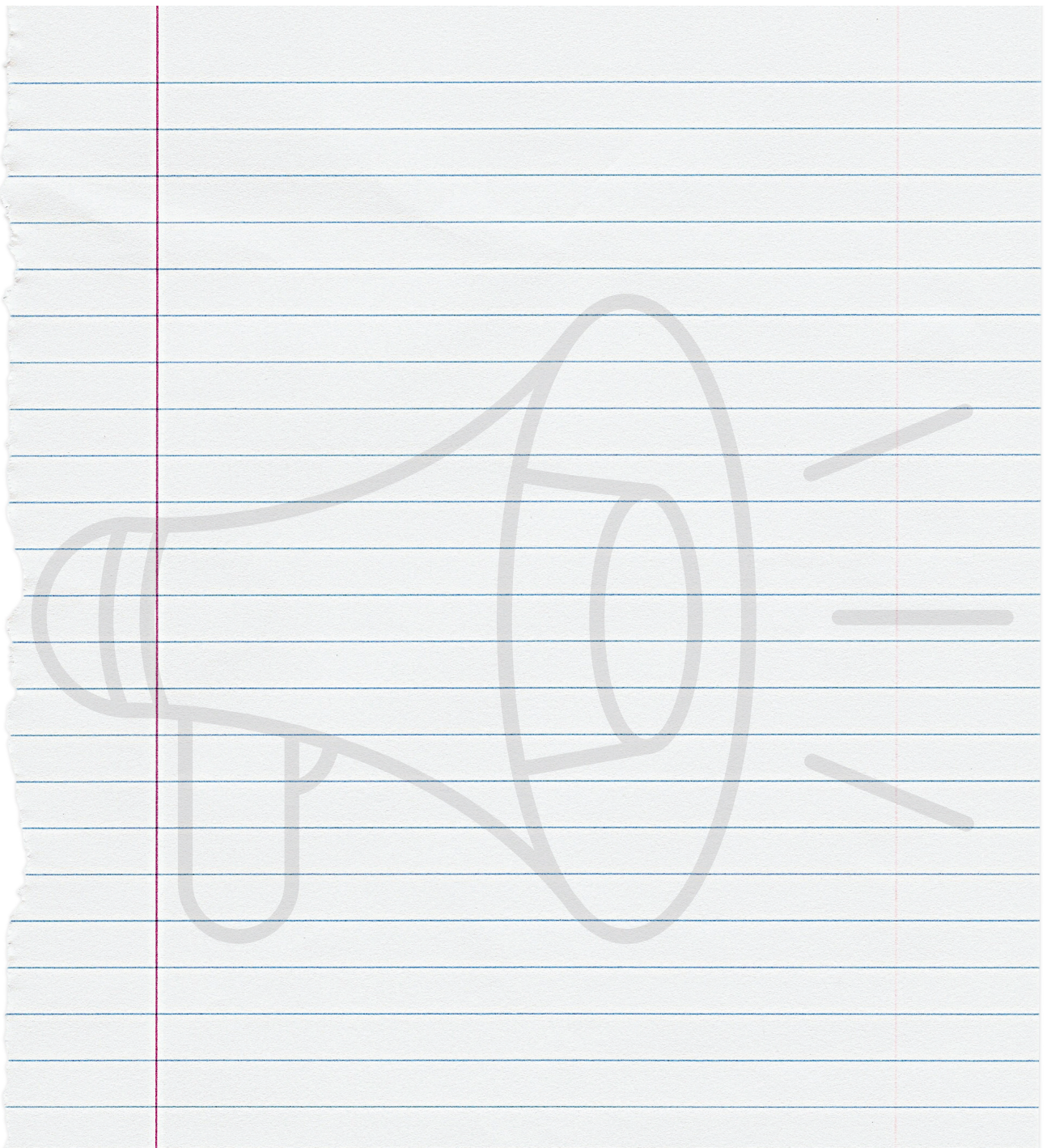
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Protest Letter

Write a Letter

- ◆ Have you ever disagreed with something and wanted others to know about it? Think about an issue or matter where you wish the situation could be different. Write **a letter in protest** stating at least two reasons why you publicly protest the issue at hand. Be sure to highlight the reasons you believe **a change could positively impact others**.



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Assessment

1. A demonstration that is done by one more many people.

- a. riot
- b. protest
- c. prayer
- d. community

2. Which BEST describes the type of government set up in MOST of the colonies?

- a. No government
- b. Ruled by a president
- c. Ruled by a king
- d. Ruled by the people

3. Where were the 13 colonies located?

- a. Along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean
- b. Along the coast of the Pacific Ocean
- c. In South America
- d. In England

4. Legislation responsible for taxing even more items the colonists needed like paper, glass, and tea.

- a. Townshend Acts
- b. Townstead Acts
- c. Tea Acts
- d. Plymouth Acts

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- a. True
- a. False

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<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-tea-party>

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