

Road to Independence

Trace causes, events, and results in the American Revolution.

SS4H1 "Explain the causes, events, and results of the American Revolution."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline causes, circle important events, and put a star beside results to show how the Revolution grew and ended.

From Protest to Independence

- ① After the French and Indian War, Britain owed a great deal of money. Parliament decided that the colonies should help pay the cost. It passed new taxes, including the Stamp Act and taxes on tea. Many colonists believed these taxes were unfair because they had no representatives in Parliament. Groups protested, boycotted British goods, and argued for their rights.
- ② In 1773, protesters dumped tea into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party. Britain answered by closing Boston's port and passing harsh laws. In 1774, colonial leaders met at the First Continental Congress to discuss a response. Fighting began at Lexington and Concord in April 1775, when British soldiers and colonial militia exchanged shots there.
- ③ The Continental Congress chose George Washington to lead the Continental Army. In 1776, the Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, saying the colonies were free from Britain. American and French forces defeated British troops at Yorktown in 1781. The Treaty of Paris ended the war in 1783 and recognized the United States as an independent nation.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Why did many colonists think the new British taxes were unfair?

2 What did Britain do after the Boston Tea Party?

3 Why was Lexington and Concord an important event in the Revolution?

4 What were two results of the American victory in the war?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a three-sentence cause, event, and result explanation using details from the passage. Explain how a cause led to an event and how that event helped lead to a result.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline causes, circle important events, and put a star beside results to show how the Revolution grew and ended. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did many colonists think the new British taxes were unfair?	They had no representatives in Parliament.
2	What did Britain do after the Boston Tea Party?	Britain closed Boston's port and passed harsh laws.
3	Why was Lexington and Concord an important event in the Revolution?	Fighting between British soldiers and colonial militia began there.
4	What were two results of the American victory in the war?	The Treaty of Paris ended the war, and it recognized the United States as an independent nation.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Unfair taxes made many colonists protest because they had no representatives in Parliament. One protest was the Boston Tea Party, which led Britain to close Boston's port and pass harsh laws. These conflicts helped lead to war, and the Treaty of Paris later recognized the United States as independent.

Accept equivalent wording that accurately connects a cause, an event, and a result from the passage. For the open response, students should explain the links between the three parts, not only list facts.