

Causes of the american revolution

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DBQ 3: Causes of the American Revolution When the colonization of the New World began, people were proud of their mother country, proud to be from Britain and loyal to their king. But, the reason behind their leaving was always freedom, freedom from taxes, from government, and from persecution. When these freedoms began to be taken away again, these colonists, soon to be known as Americans, were not going to lose them without a fight. Though the reasons behind the abrupt transition of England and her American colonies from allies to enemies are still debated today; I believe that yes, the American colonists were justified in waging war and breaking away from Britain. (Historical context and O. I textbook The Americas) Some things I believe could have caused the tension between England and the Americas are the unlawful taxes placed on the colonists to pay for England's debt from the French and Indian war. These such taxes were the Stamp act, the Townshend acts, and the Intolerable acts. In excerpts from " letters from a farmer in Pennsylvania", John Dickinson justifies the taxes on trade, but states what soon became so obvious to the colonists, that the purpose behind the Stamp and Townshend acts was simply to take money from the colonists. (Doc. 2) The last step to war was taken with the Intolerable acts, this shut down Boston harbor and forced colonists under military watch to house and feed British soldiers. These acts of imposing unconstitutional laws on the colonists were soon to stop. Many people did not look to war as the first choice, as expressed in Thomas Paine's " Common Sense", but with the fatal battles of Lexington and Concord, all soon rejected the king of England forever. (Doc 6) By April of 1775, people had had enough, from the deaths in the Boston " Massacre", to the deaths in

Lexington and Concord, war was finally declared. With the American winnings of many battles, such as Saratoga, the heroism of Valley Forge, and help from the French, war finally ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris in September 1783. This document finally stated publicly the acceptance of the American colonies as their own country. (O. I. Textbook the Americas, worksheet "Events leading towards independence") Under the Declaration of Independence, and the Articles of Confederation, America was now left to govern itself. Many fears occurred with the thought of this situation, such as the fear that America's government would become a tyrant like the King of Britain was, who was unfit to be ruler of a free people. (Doc. 7) Though there would be many hardships to come for the Americas, it will always to this day be held as a symbol of freedom.