Colonists Resist

Disagreements with Britain
In the 1700s, Britain and France disagreed over which country should control land in western New York. The two countries went to war in 1754. Britain won the war. The British government taxed goods sold in the colonies to help pay the costs of the war. Colonists had no representatives in Britain’s government to stop the taxes. Many colonists protested and refused to buy goods that were taxed.

The Revolution Begins
At a meeting called the First Continental Congress, colonial leaders decided to stop trading with Britain and to form militias. British soldiers went to Lexington and Concord to look for weapons. Colonists fought with the British soldiers, and the American Revolution began in 1775. That same year, colonists held the Second Continental Congress. The Congress formed a new army led by George Washington. American troops captured Britain’s Fort Ticonderoga in New York. On July 4, 1776, the colonies declared independence.

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