

Unit 2 Timeline Challenge Cards

French and Indian War 1754–1763



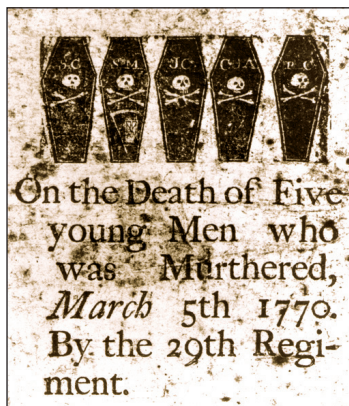
This war between France and Great Britain results in a victory for Great Britain and a vastly expanded American empire.

Colonial Taxation 1763–1767



British Parliament passes a series of taxes on the colonies, resulting in protests from many colonists.

Boston Massacre 1770



Five Bostonians are killed during a brawl between colonists and British soldiers. The incident causes an outcry of injustice throughout the colonies.

Intolerable Acts 1774



British Parliament passes the Intolerable Acts to punish the colonists for their support of the Boston Tea Party.

First Continental Congress 1774



Fifty leaders from the colonies meet to devise peaceful solutions to the conflicts with Great Britain.

Battles of Lexington and Concord 1775



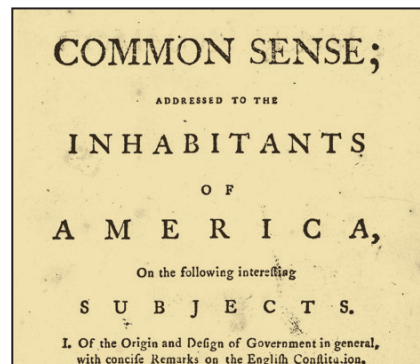
Lexington and Concord become the first sites where the British army and colonial militias battle over control of the colonies. The clashes mark the start of the war for independence from Great Britain.

Battle of Bunker Hill 1775



British troops invade colonial fortifications overlooking Boston in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Common Sense 1776



Thomas Paine writes *Common Sense*, which persuades many colonists to support the idea that the colonies should be independent from Great Britain.

Declaration of Independence 1776



The Declaration of Independence is approved by the Second Continental Congress and declares to the world that the British colonies are now a free and independent nation.

Battles of Trenton and Princeton Dec. 1776–Jan. 1777



American victories in these battles reenergize the Continental army after it suffers many defeats in previous battles with the British army.

Battle of Yorktown 1781



The British army surrenders at Yorktown, Virginia, after being trapped by American and French forces.

Treaty of Paris 1783



The Treaty of Paris is signed, formally ending the war fought between Great Britain and the United States during the American Revolution.