

1. Blockade	to keep ships from entering or leaving American harbors	23. Preamble	introduction to a formal document that explains why the document was written
2. Boston Massacre	This event saw the first deaths of colonists by British soldiers.	24. Privateer	Privately owned merchant ship outfitted with weapons. Goal is to capture enemy merchant ships and cargo.
3. Boston Tea Party	Event in reaction to the tax on tea when colonists destroyed British tea.	25. Proclamation of 1763	An official announcement from the British that forbid the American colonists to settle west of the Appalachian Mountains.
4. Boycott	to refuse to buy items in order to show disapproval	26. Propaganda	Information that is designed to influence opinion
5. Common Sense	Pamphlet written by Thomas Paine in 1776 that encouraged American independence from Great Britain.	27. Quarter	To provide housing to soldiers
6. Continental Army	American troops that fought against Great Britain during the Revolutionary War.	28. Ratify	to approve officially
7. Continental Congress	A convention of delegates called together from the 13 colonies which became the governing body during the American Revolution.	29. Rebellion	Open defiance of authority--rejection of British authority
8. Declaration of Independence	Document that was approved on July 4, 1776	30. Red Coats	The colonists' term for British soldiers
9. Delegates	People sent with power to represent others	31. Repeal	to cancel an act or law
10. Great Awakening	Religious revival in the American colonies.	32. Revenue	Income money from taxes or other sources
11. Great Britain	An island which is now known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England, Scotland, and Wales.	33. Siege	A military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling the surrender of those inside.
12. Grievance	A complaint	34. Smuggling	To move goods illegally
13. Lexington and Concord	Where the first two battles of the American Revolution were fought.	35. Sons of Liberty	A secret society that was formed to protect the rights of the colonists and to fight taxation by the British government.
14. Loyalists	American colonists who remained loyal to Britain and opposed the war for independence	36. Treason	Working against one's own government.
15. Massacre	The killing of people who cannot defend themselves.	37. Treaty of Paris 1763	Officially ended the French and Indian War and gave the British control over the area west of the 13 colonies to the Mississippi River.
16. Mercenaries	Hired soldiers that Britain depended on; usually from other countries	38. Treaty of Paris 1783	Officially ended the Revolutionary War in which Britain acknowledged the independence of the colonies.
17. Minutemen	Civilians sworn to be ready to fight with only one minute's notice	39. unalienable rights	Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Rights that can't be taken away.
18. Neutral	Not taking a side in a conflict	40. Valley Forge	A location in Pennsylvania; the site of General George Washington's winter
19. Olive Branch Petition	A document adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 5, 1775, in a final attempt to avoid a war between the 13 colonies and Great Britain.	41. Writs of assistance	court document allowing officers to search anywhere for smuggled goods
20. Parliament	British government		
21. Patriot	American colonist who favored American independence		
22. Petition	a formal request		