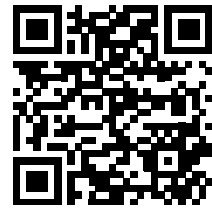


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The American Revolution and the British Empire



The British Empire played a major role in the American Revolution. It controlled many _____ in North America. These colonies were an important source of revenue for Britain. The British _____ imposed many taxes on the colonies to increase their income. This caused a lot of _____ among the American colonists. They believed these taxes were unfair because they had no _____ in the British Parliament.

One of the most famous taxes was the Stamp Act. This act required _____ to buy a stamp for every piece of paper they used. This included newspapers, legal _____, and even playing cards. Another unpopular tax was the Tea Act. This act allowed the British East India _____ to sell tea directly to the colonies. This cut out the local merchants and made _____ cheaper, but the colonists saw it as another way for Britain to control them.

The colonists began to _____ against these taxes. They organized groups like the Sons of Liberty. They also held events like the Boston Tea _____, where they threw British tea into the harbor. These protests sometimes turned into violent _____ between colonists and British soldiers.

The British government responded by sending more _____ to the colonies. This only increased tensions. Eventually, these tensions led to the _____ of the American Revolutionary War in 1775. The _____ lasted until 1783, ending with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. This treaty recognized the _____ of the United States. The American Revolution was a turning point in _____, marking the decline of the British Empire in North America and the rise of a new _____.

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