## **Americans Declare their Independence**

- 1. French and Indian War
  - a. Britain and Colonies Vs. French and Native Americans
  - b.British won, but put them in debt.
    - i. British raised taxes on colonies to pay debt
- 2. Taxation without Representation
  - a. Taxes raised on colonists without seeking consent
  - **b.Stamp Act (1765)** 
    - i. Must buy stamp for every official document.
    - ii. Colonists reacted by signing petitions and boycotting
    - iii. REPEALED
  - c. Townshend Duties
    - i. Replace Stamp Act and taxed common British goods
  - d.Quartering Act

- i. To prevent riots, British sent extra troops and required them to live in homes of colonists.
- e.Tax on Tea → Boston Tea Party
  - i. Dump British Tea in harbor
- f. Intolerable Acts
  - i. British punished colonists, closedBoston Harbor, closed Mass.Legislature, appointed own officials
- 3. Revolution
  - a. Continental Congress
    - i. Decide to boycott goods and meet again later
  - b. Shots Fired at Lexington and Concord
  - c. Second Continental Congress
    - i. Created Continental Army
    - ii. Created Declaration of Independence
- 4. Declaration of Independence
  - a. People have unalienable rights
  - b.Gov. must protect these rights
  - c. Gov. that destroys rights can be overturned

- d.List of grievances
- e. Colonists declare independence