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A General Survey of English-Speaking Countries

8. The Struggle for Independence

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1. French and Indian War

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1. French and Indian War

1. 17th -18th centuries, England and France emerged as the world's most powerful nations.





1. French and Indian War

2. Between the 1680's and 1750's the two countries engaged in a struggle for the domination of Europe and the control of an





1. French and Indian War

3. During the same time period, England and France fought four major wars in various parts of the globe.

The last of these wars was known in Europe as the *Seven Years' War* (1756-1763) and in North America as the *French and Indian War* (1754-1760) because of Indian

involvement in the hostilities. Some military historians view that war as the first truly world war and resulted in British domination of that continent.

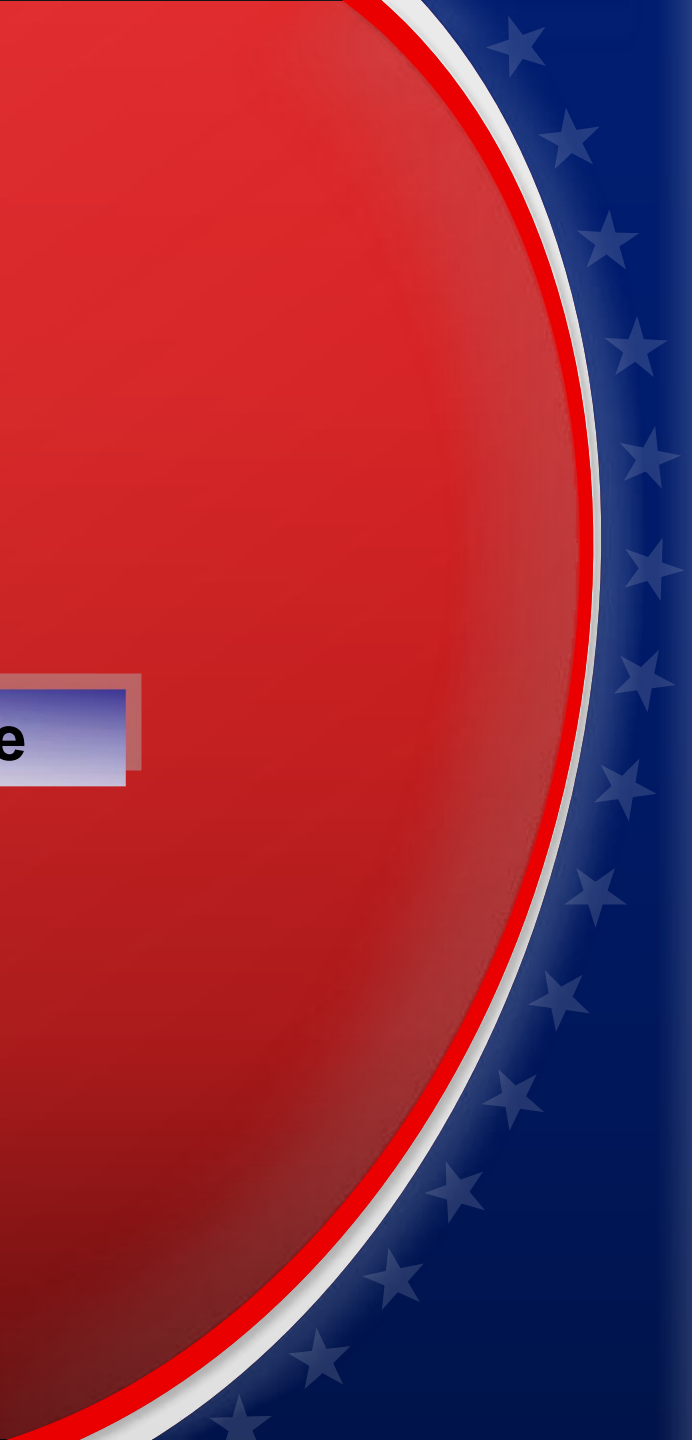


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**Independence
War**





2. Cause of Independence

- **The British government's attempts to raise revenue through direct taxation to pay for the huge debt left by the war aroused greater resentment in the colonies. Colonial protests and British determination to force the colonies to submit to parliamentary authority led to open warfare that eventually split the two apart.**





2. Cause of Independence

- **Stamp Act (印花税法)**

which was scheduled to go into effect November 1, 1765. The colonists objected to this measure because Parliament, in which they had no representatives, had taxed them without their consent. In so doing, Parliament, from the colonists' view, had denied them their rights as English citizens.



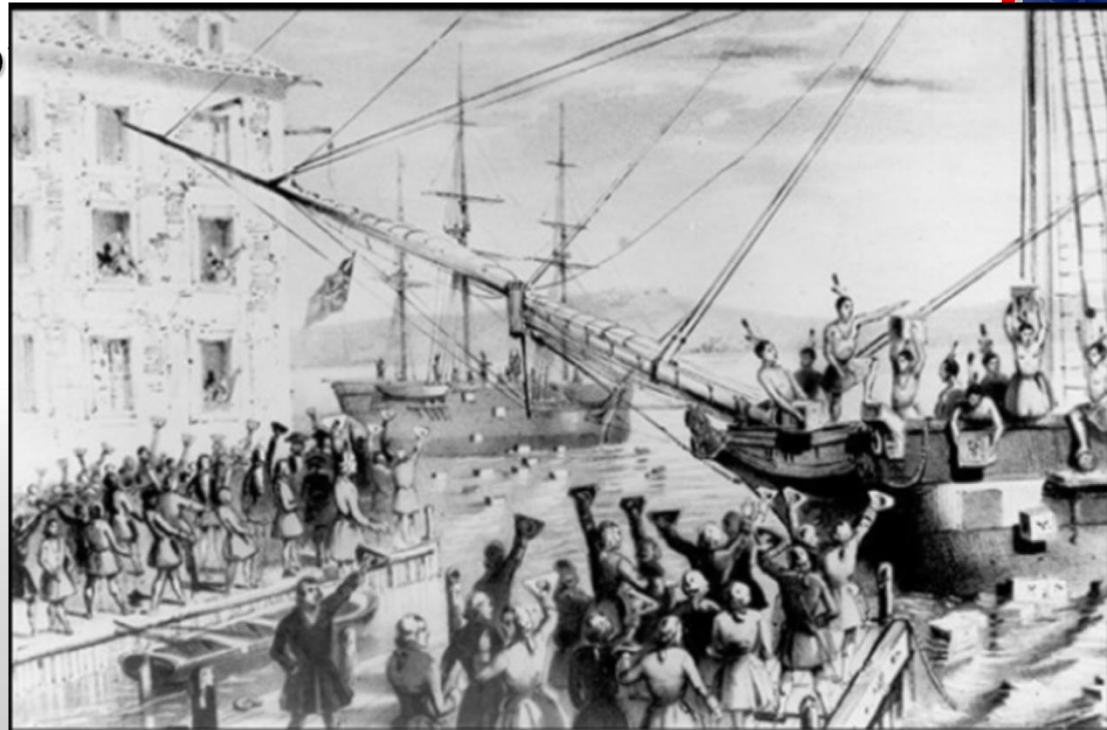


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- **Boston Tea Party (波士顿茶叶事件)**

In May 1773, England wanted to sale surplus(过剩的)tea to colonies from the East India Company. In Boston, On the night of

December 16, 1773, a group of the East India ships in the harbor boarded and dumped 342 chests(箱) of tea into the water. This incident, known as the Boston Tea Party, was imitated in other colonies.



The destruction of tea at Boston Harbor, 1773.



2. Cause of Independence

- **Boston Tea Party (波士顿茶叶事件)**

Colonists Attacking a Tax Collector

In this cartoon, American colonists pour tea down a tax collector's throat after covering him with tar and feathers (把人浑身涂满柏油粘上羽毛的一种私刑). The colonists were angry that Great Britain tried to make them pay taxes, and protests against these taxes led to the American Revolution.





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3. The Declaration of Independence

On June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee of Virginia introduced a resolution the Second Continental Congress declaring "That these

United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states...." Immediate

From left to right are Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Livingston, and John Adams.

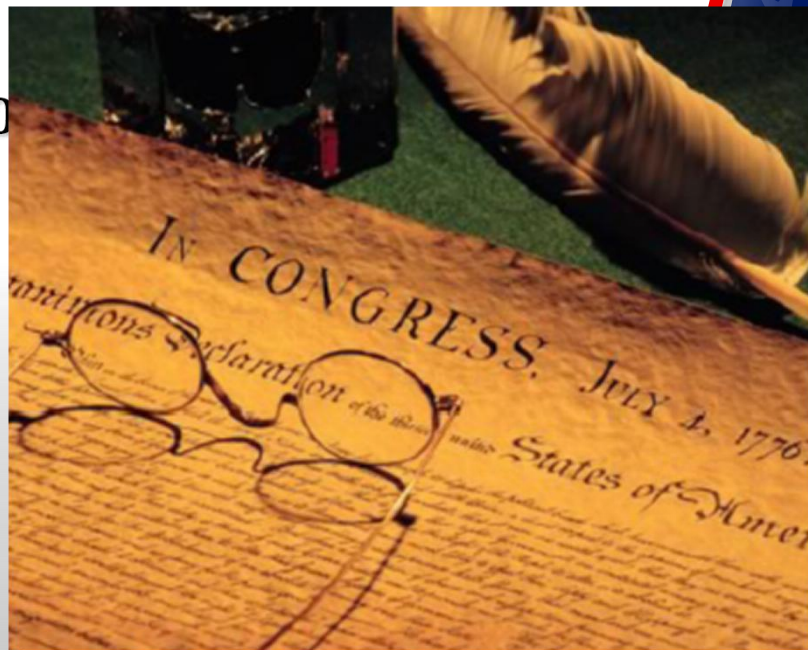
Jefferson was chosen to do the writing.





3. The Declaration of Independence

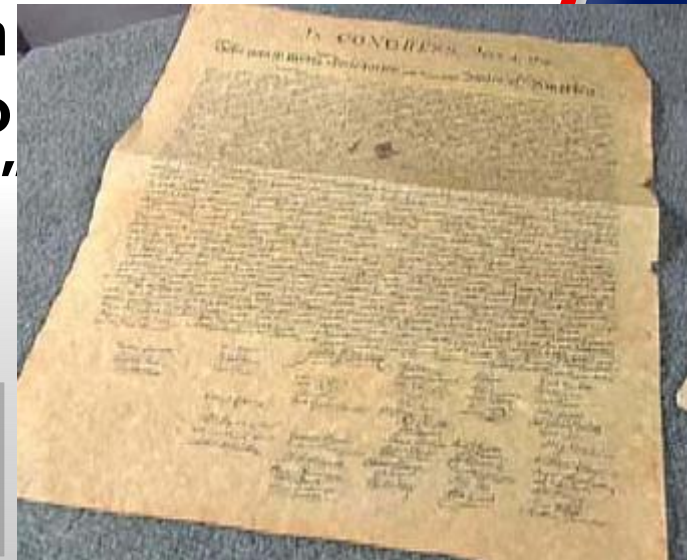
On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, in which the colonies officially broke away from Britain. The people of America then began eight lo





3. The Declaration of Independence

- **First part:** “All men are created equal.” People had the basic right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Governments ruled only with the consent of the people.
- **Second part:** Jefferson described the ways that King George had treated the colonies unfairly. (reason)
- **The last part:** formally stated that the colonies wanted to cut all political ties with Jefferson declared the colonies to be “free and independent states.”



*Declaration of
Independence*





3. The Declaration of Independence

- **Effects of The Declaration of Independence**

1. It transformed the rebellion into a revolution and committed(保证) the mass of Patriots to separation.
2. It also led to increased foreign aid for the rebels and prepared the way for French intervention on the American side.



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4. Independence War

- Despite early American losses, the tides of battle changed when the *French* entered the war on the side of the United States.





4. Independence War

- Backed by the **French**, the Americans achieved ultimate victory over the British at **Yorktown** in 1781.

The work shows Washington in his headquarters at Yorktown, receiving a letter through Cornwallis' s emissary(使者) on October 17,1781. The formal British surrender ceremony occurred on October 19, 1781.



4. Independence War

The Treaty of Paris, 1783

By the terms of the Treaty of Paris, England recognized American independence and surrendered to the U.S. its territories east of the Mississippi River between the Great Lakes and Florida.





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1783 Map of United States surrounded by foreign territory





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Questions

- 1. What is *Seven Years' War* ?**
- 2. What caused US Independence War?**
- 3. When did the colonies officially broke away from Britain?**
- 4. Who wrote *The Declaration of Independence*?**
- 5. What were the effects of The Declaration of Independence?**
- 6. In total, the war lasted for ____ years and had ____ phases, each with a distinct strategy and character.**
- 7. Despite early American losses, the tides of battle changed when the ____ entered the war on the side of the United States.**