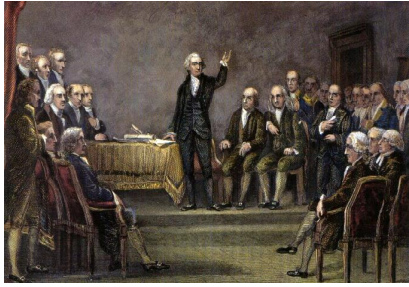


representatives



**Elected Officials**  
from the **13 Colonies**

Met in Philadelphia for the **1st**  
and **2nd Continental Congress**

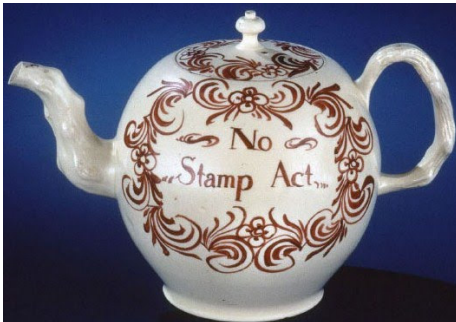
independence



**Freedom**

**Colonists** were fighting for  
**Independence** from Great  
Britain in Rev. War.  
The colonists declared  
their independence in **1776**.

repeal



**To take away**

The king repealed the  
stamp tax.

tax



**Money** that citizens  
are required to **pay**  
their **government**

# George Washington



**Commander-in-Chief of  
the Continental Army**

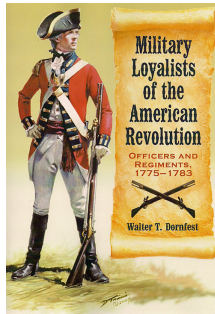
Led the **patriots** to victory in  
the Revolutionary War

# Patriots



Colonists who **fought  
for their freedom**  
from Great Britain

# Loyalists



People who **remained  
true (loyal)** to the King

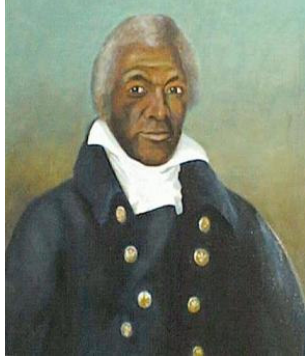
# Neutral



I am not a loyalist or a  
patriot!

People who were Neutral  
**did not take sides** during  
the Revolutionary War

# James Armistead



**Spy** for the **Patriots** during the Revolutionary War.

**Helped** the **Continental Army** win the war.

# Battle of Great Bridge



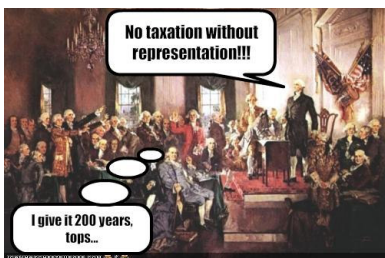
Fought in **Virginia near Norfolk**.

The **Patriots** defeated the British.

Many **Loyalists** became **Patriots** after the Battle.

# Ideas about Government

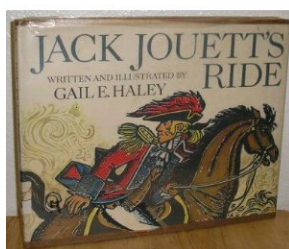
British Parliament vs. colonists



**Parliament** believed it had **legal authority** (right) and could **tax** the colonists.

**Colonists** believed they had the **right to govern themselves**.

# Jack Jouett



**Warned** Thomas Jefferson about Britain's Plans.

He is known as Virginia's Paul Revere!

## Lord Dunmore



Lord Dunmore

Lord Dunmore led **the British forces** in **Battle of Great Bridge**.

After Battle of Great Bridge he fled (left) Norfolk.

## Patrick Henry



Said, "**Give me liberty, or give me death!**" during his famous speech in Richmond, Virginia.

Was **from Virginia**  
Fought **against**, "**taxation without representation.**"

## First Continental Congress



Met in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** in 1774.

**Representatives** from the colonies **were present** at the meeting.

Met to discuss unfair taxes

## Second Continental Congress



Met in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** in 1775.

Representatives **declared** the **colonies free and independent** from Great Britain.

The **Declaration of Independence** was written and signed in 1776.



# Declaration of Independence



Written by **Thomas**

**Jefferson** in **July, 1776.**

Stated the **colonies were free and independent** and colonists had the **right to govern** themselves.

Said the colonists had the right to **life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**

# role of women



**Sewed** and repaired uniforms

Ran the **family farms**

Worked as **nurses** and **cooks** for the Army.

# Africans in war



Some were **offered freedom** if they **fought for the British Army.**

Some **fought for the Patriots.**

# Battle at Yorktown

**Took place in Virginia in 1781.**



**Last major battle** of the Revolutionary War.

**Continental Army** and the **French** trapped Cornwallis.

**Lord Cornwallis surrendered** to the Continental Army

**Colonists gained their independence** from Great Britain.