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The Enlightenment and the American Revolution

Seven Years War: The First World War

- The causes are complex, but simply put, there were two overlapping conflicts
 - _____ VS _____ (and Spain) over control of colonies and trade in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
 - _____ (allied with Britain) VS _____ (allied with France, Russia, and Sweden) over territory in Europe, continuing from the War of Austrian Succession
- The British were the clear winners, gaining much colonial territory, but they still had to pay for the _____, so they began _____ long-ignored anti-smuggling laws and taxes in the American colonies to increase profits from trade, and also enacted _____ on the American colonies

From Revolution to Independence

- Until then, colonists had much more control over their own affairs, so they resented the sudden restrictions, especially since they did not have _____ in the British Parliament
- The colonies worked together, almost like a _____, to _____ and protest, which eventually led to violent confrontations with British troops, marking the beginning of the American _____
- It was not until 1776 that colonial leaders decided to go from demanding representation and changes in British policy to declaring American _____ from Great Britain, using Enlightenment ideas of _____ and natural _____ to justify their position, turning the conflict into a War for Independence
- SPOILER ALERT: America wins the Revolution! But how revolutionary was it?

Was the American Revolution Revolutionary?

Directions: Working together in groups, take turns reading the article “Tea, Taxes, and the American Revolution.” While you read, consider the ways in which the American Revolution was or was not revolutionary. Annotate as you go, and record as many examples as you can on the chart below in bullet-point form. Once you have exhausted the examples mentioned in the article, continue discussing to see if you can think of others on your own, and try to decide as a group whether we should think of the American Revolution as Revolutionary. Then, write a paragraph arguing for your view supported by evidence from the text and your knowledge of history.

Revolutionary	Not So Revolutionary

Evidence-Based Argument
