**American Independence**

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1. American Independence
	1. British set up 13 self-governing permanent colonies
	2. **French and Indian War** (1754-63)
		1. GB and colonies vs. French and Native Americans
		2. British gained French lands in America but also a large wartime debt
	3. Rising Tensions
		1. Raised taxes on many goods
		2. Unrest (Boston Massacre) turned into rebellion (Boston Tea Party)
		3. **Continental Congress**- colonies met together to work against the British
		4. Lexington and Concord- first battle of American Revolution (1775)
	4. War of Independence
		1. July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress ratified the **Declaration of Independence** (borrowed the ideas of John Locke)
		2. **George Washington**- led the Continental army
		3. At first war went very badly, but French help turned the tide of war
		4. **Treaty of Paris** (1783)- Americans officially granted Independence and British lands to the Mississippi
	5. Impact of the Revolution
		1. US Constitution united the states with a strong government
			1. Created three branches (borrowed from Montesquieu)
			2. Became an economic and political power
		2. British remained a global power- focused on Asia
		3. Other American colonies fought for independence