



Townshend Acts

- Suspended New York's assembly until they housed British troops



- Taxed various goods brought into the colonies

Townshend Acts

- Paper, paint, lead, glass & TEA



Writs of Assistance

- Search warrants
- Used by British officers to enter homes to look for "smuggled goods"
- Really just an excuse to steal, spy and punish resistance

Colonists are Upset

- Thought the Townshend Acts were illegal
- Another tax passed without the colonists having a say in it
- Went against their natural rights as humans

Daughters of Liberty

- A female protest group
- Urged colonists to weave their own cloth & to use American made products
- Supported the boycotts

Committees of Correspondence



- Exchanged secret letters on colonial affairs & resistance to British policy

Committees of Correspondence

- Communicated with neighboring towns, cities & colonies
- Groups formed in all colonies

Boston Massacre!

- March 5, 1770
- Colonist surrounded some British Soldiers, throwing snowball and taunting



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- Soldiers panicked, the crowd grew larger
- Soldiers fired into the crowd, fearing for their lives
- 5 people, including Crispus Attucks, were killed





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John Adams

- Defends the soldiers in court
- Adams supported the colonists, but wanted to show the world that America could have a fair trial



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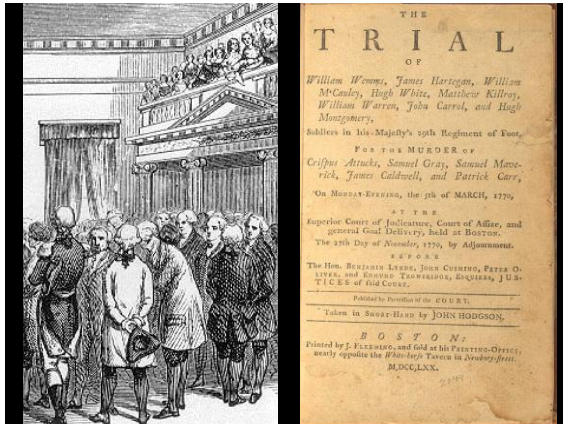
- Believed everyone was subject to rule of law
- Future president of U.S.



Outcome of Trial

- The Jury agreed with Adams- soldiers were acting in self-defense
- They were acquitted of the charges





Tea Tax

- Townshend Acts are repealed
- Kept the tax on tea to show they still had the power to rule the colonies

Boston Tea Party

- December 16, 1773



- Men disguised as Native Americans dumped tea off British ships into Boston Harbor

Boston Tea Party

- British are outraged- more acts & taxes will be passed to pay for the tea

