



Intolerable Acts

- Laws to punish MA, warn other colonies
- Port of Boston closed until tea is repaid



Intolerable Acts

- Banned Committees of Correspondence
- British stood trial in England
- Punishment for the Tea Party

Militia

- Volunteer Army- pledged to defend their community
- Not fully trained
- Only called when needed

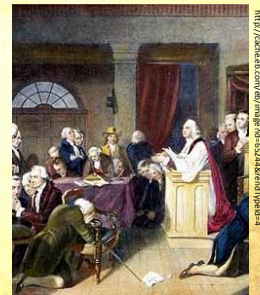
Minutemen



- "Ready to act at a minute's warning"
- Volunteers- Called when needed

First Continental Congress

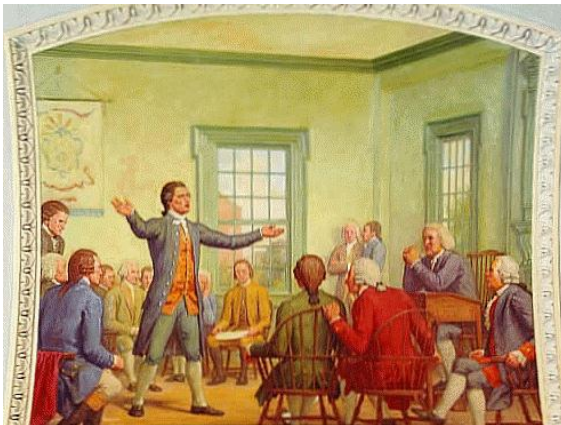
- Delegates voted to ban all trade with England until Intolerable Acts repealed





First Continental Congress

- Each colony agreed to start training troops
- The meeting planted the seed of a future independent government

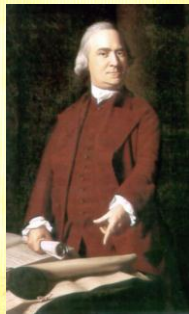


Ready to Fight

- Most colonists thought that the war with Britain would be short
- Thought a public show of force would make parliament change its policies

Spies on Both Sides

- Sam Adams built a spy network to watch British troop movement



Spies on Both Sides

- The British heard that Americans were stockpiling guns & supplies in Concord
- They also heard that Adams & Hancock were hiding in nearby Lexington

April 18, 1775

- **British troops ordered to arrest Hancock & Adams in Lexington, then destroy the supplies in Concord**
- **Paul Revere designed a warning system**



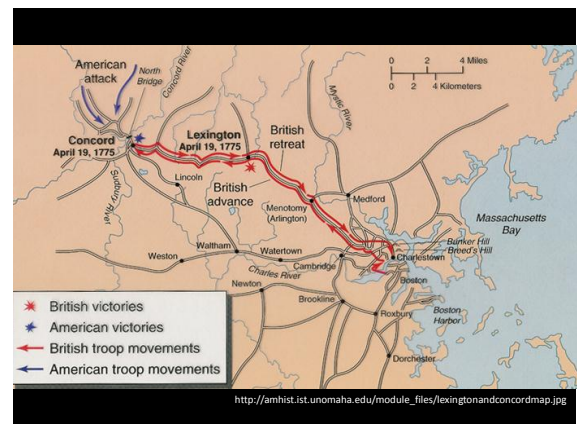
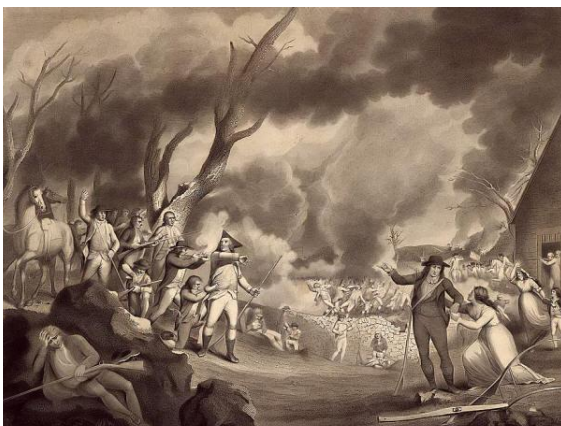
"Midnight Ride"

- **Paul Revere, and others, warn the people in the countryside the British regulars are on the move**



Lexington & Concord

- **Minutemen were waiting for the British at Lexington**
- **British told them to drop their weapons, they did not**



Lexington & Concord

- **Someone fired- 8 militia men died**
- **4,000 more militia men arrived**

