

UNIT 1.3



ROAD TO LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

MR LANGHORST

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

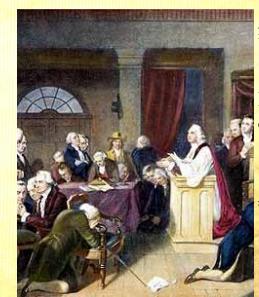


- “Ready to act at a minute's warning”
- Volunteers- Called when needed

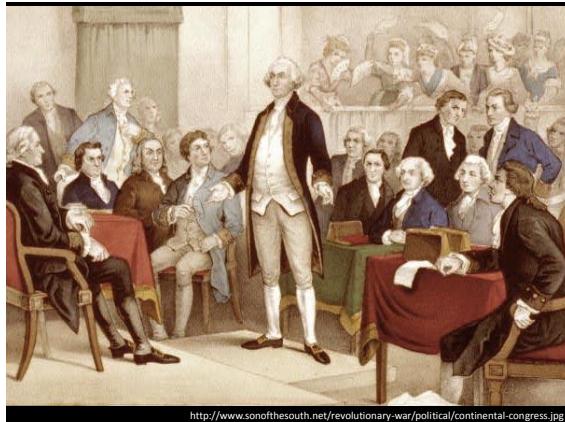
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First Continental Congress

- Delegates voted to ban all trade with England until Intolerable Acts repealed

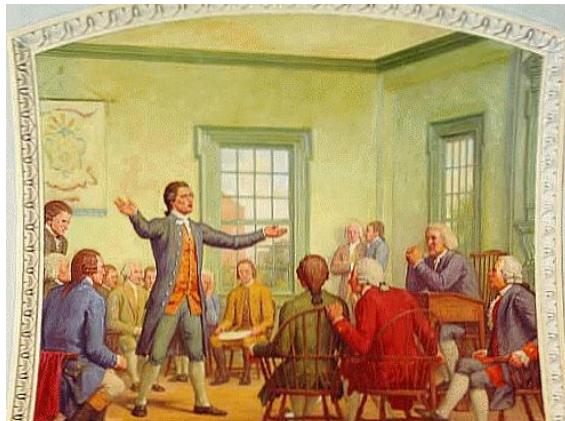


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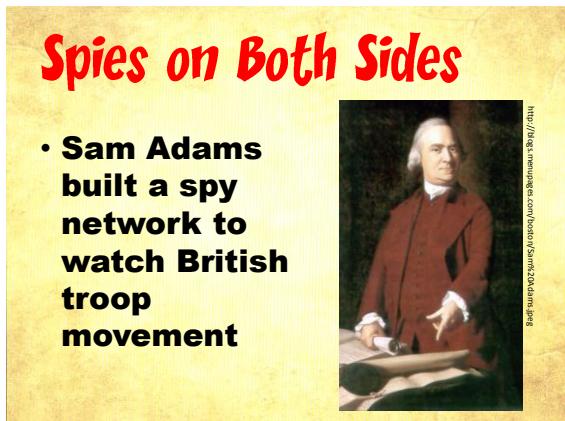
First Continental Congress

- 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



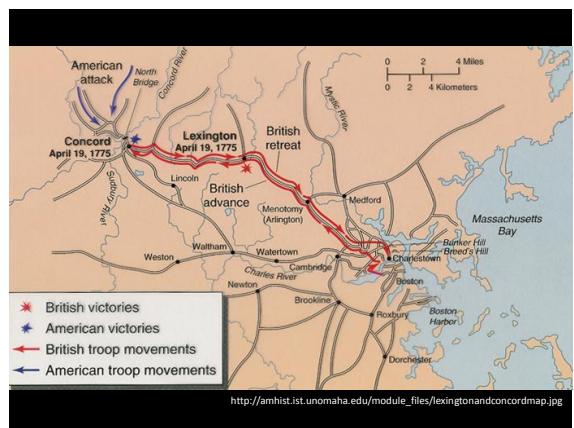
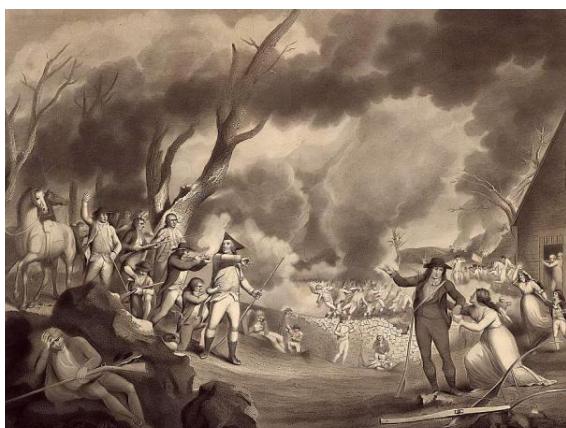
"Midnight Ride"

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



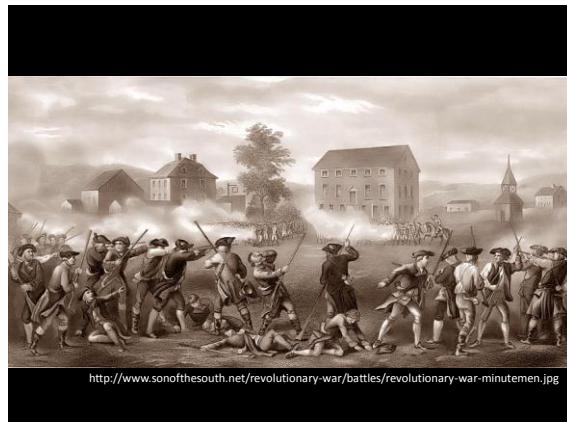
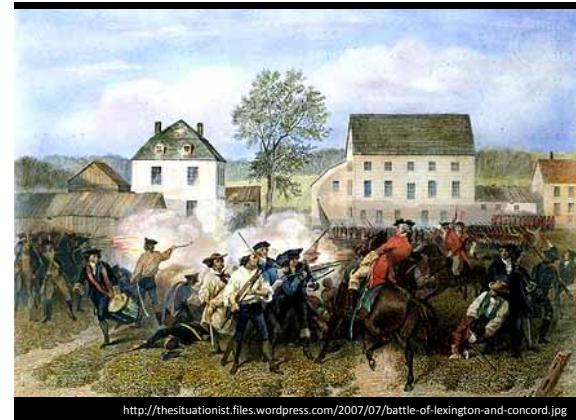
Lexington & Concord

- **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



Lexington & Concord

- Chased the British back to Boston
- Revolutionary War had begun

Patriot

- Loyal to American Independence



Loyalist

- Loyal to the British crown, against independence



