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Unit - Causes of the Revolution

Topic –Sons of Liberty

* Sons of Liberty - <http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/american-revolution-history/videos/sons-of-liberty>
* Boycotts - Reading [https://www.masshist.org/revolution/non\_importation.php](https://www.masshist.org/revolution/non_importation.php%20%20)
* Tarring and Feathering - Reading
* The Boston Massacre - Ch 5 Sec 2, p. 149 [http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-massacre/videos/boston-massacre](http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/boston-massacre/videos/boston-massacre%20)
* Boston Tea Party - Ch 5 Sec 3, p. 150

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| Sons of Liberty | * Political organization whose goal is to protest British rule and seek independence
	+ secret
	+ included men of all classes
* Activities
	+ organized boycotts and protests
	+ threatened those who did not support their work and their cause with violence
	+ organized a communication network for secretly sending letters between protestors in all 13 colonies
		- called the “Committees of Correspondence”
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| Boycotts | * refusal to buy, sell, or import British goods
* goal – to pressure Parliament into repealing taxes by
	+ - causing British businessmen to lose $
		- cause Britain to collect no tax $
* well organized
	+ if a colonist did not support the boycott
		- threatened with violence
		- name printed in newspaper
	+ if other colonies did not support the boycott
		- Boston merchants would not trade with them
		- women held parties to spin and weave homespun cloth and wearing homespun becomes a badge of honor
		- so would not have to buy British cloth – the #1 British import
* boycott worked - all taxes were repealed, except the tax on tea
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| Tarring and Feathering | * A form of mob violence that became common after the Stamp Act was passed
* stripped naked, covered in melted tar, rolled in feathers, sat on and tied to a rail (a fencepost) or a cart, paraded through town to the outskirts of town, where it was expected the person would LEAVE
* used mostly against tax collectors
	+ tax officials also faced rioting mobs that attacked and ransacked their homes
* by the time the Stamp Act went into effect no tax collectors were left in the colonies to collect the tax
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| The Boston Massacre | * Set-up
	+ after 3 days of unrest
	+ crowd of 100s of angry dock workers upset that off-duty soldiers have taken their jobs unloading ships
	+ a patrol of 8 soldiers
	+ in Boston
	+ at night
* Violence described
* mob surrounds the soldiers
* shout threats
* throw snowballs/rocks
* a soldier hits a man in the crowd with the butt of his rifle, a soldier is clubbed
* Order given NOT TO SHOOT
* a shot is fired, firing starts
* five are killed and six are wounded
* Propaganda
	+ engraving - copies of which are used to print picture n newspaper across the colonies
		- done by Paul Revere, a member of the Sons of Liberty
		- inaccurate - a small, peaceful crowd, not surrounding soldiers. an order being given to fire, soldiers all aiming and firing in unison
	+ Newspaper headline - "Bloody Massacre"
* Governor arrests 2 soldiers for murder to calm citizens
* John Adams (1st cousin of Sam Adams, the leader of the Sons of Liberty) defends the soldiers to make sure they have a fair trial
	+ found not guilty
	+ punished by British army for firing without command
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| The Boston Tea Party | * All taxes repealed except for Tea Tax
	+ Symbol of British power to tax

Protests - Beyond Boycott* In ***New York*** - refuse to unload tea from ships
* In ***Philadelphia*** - a flotilla of civilian boats block ships with tea from entering harbor
* In ***Charleston*** - unload tea but refuse warehouse space, so it rots on the dock
* In ***Boston*** - Sons of Liberty dressed in Native American disguises board ship in night and throw tea overboard
	+ 342 cases, 9,000 lbs, worth thousands of dollars
	+ Cause Intolerable Acts to be passed as punishment
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Draw graphic images for the topic of The Sons of Liberty and the ideas in our notes on the four causes.

Tarring and Feathering

Boycotts

Sons of Liberty

Boston Massacre

Boston Tea Party