1. Because of the **Seven Years War**, the **British** had to ____________ 150,000,000 pounds and the ______________ payments on that money ate up half the national budget. So in order to pay for the war, the British decided to ______________________________. Furthermore, since the **American colonists** were the primary beneficiaries of the war, the British government felt it was fair to lay the burden of the taxes on them.

2. Why were the colonists annoyed with the **Stamp Act** of 1765?

3. In response to British acts, the colonies united and agreed to **boycott British goods**. Why were some Americans unhappy with this?

4. Some American protests got out of hand. In the **Boston Massacre** of March 5, 1770, ________________ were killed, and of the nine British soldiers put on trial, seven were ________________, and two were only convicted of ________________.

5. Why did the colonists partake in the **Boston Tea Party**?

6. In September of 1774, a group of delegates from 12 of the 13 colonies met in **Philadelphia** to coordinate a resistance to the **Intolerable Acts**; this was the first ________________________________ and was the first real colony-wide government.

7. The war between colonists and Britain began on April 19th, __________, at **Concord** and **Lexington**, and this was the famous “______
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___________________________.”

8. Were all colonists in favor of independence from Britain? (yes / no → circle one)

9. What was the effect of **Thomas Paine**’s pamphlet, “**Common Sense**”?