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**Vocabulary**

Republicanism

Radical Whigs

Mercantilism

Sugar Act

Quartering Act

Stamp tax

Admiralty courts

Stamp Act Congress

Nonimportation agreements

Sons of Liberty

Daughters of Liberty

Declaratory Act

Townshend Acts

Boston Massacre

Committees of correspondence

Boston Tea Party

Intolerable Acts

Quebec Act

First Continental Congress

The Association

Battles of Lexington and Concord

Valley Forge

**Reading Questions**

1. How did mercantilism shape Britain’s view of the American colonies?
2. What British policies were causing Americans problems under mercantilism?
3. Following the French and Indian War, what policies does Prime Minister Grenville get Parliament to pass from 1763-1765?
4. For what reasons did the laws passed by Parliament under Grenville upset the colonists?
5. What is meant by the term “virtual representation?” Why does the book argue the Americans really didn’t want actual representation in Parliament?
6. What is the significance of the Stamp Act Congress?
7. Why were nonimportation agreements more effective than the Stamp Act Congress? What did these agreements do?
8. What action does Parliament take on the Stamp Act in 1766? What action does it take almost immediately after that?
9. How were the Townshend Acts different from the Stamp Act? What was the revenue from the Townshend Acts supposed to pay for?
10. What events lead to the Boston Massacre?
11. What was the significance of the committees of correspondence organized by Samuel Adams?
12. What is the significance of the British decision to give the British East India Company a monopoly on American tea business?
13. How do the American colonies respond to the British colonial authorities enforcing the tea tax?
14. How do the British respond to the Boston Tea Party? Which act was the most drastic?
15. What does the Quebec Act do? Why does it upset the Americans so much?
16. What is the significance of The Association, created by the First Continental Congress?
17. Summarize the battles of Lexington and Concord.
18. Describe England’s strengths and weaknesses in the American Revolution.
19. Describe the Americans’ strengths and weaknesses in the American Revolution.
20. What shortages did the American military face? How do we see this at Valley Forge?
21. How was Baron von Steuben significant to the American military?
22. What was the role of blacks in the American Revolution? How did Lord Dunmore’s Proclamation affect blacks?