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**The Colonies Unite:**

1. **The French and Indian War**: 1754-1763, Native Americans fought for both the French and the British, but fought mostly for the French. The War broke out because of disputed land in North America.

b. **The Sugar Act**: 1764, Parliament passed the Sugar Act to raise money to pay off the cost of the war.

c. **The Stamp Act**: 1765, taxed newspapers, legal documents, playing cards

d. **“No taxation without representation!”:** 1765, Colonists were angry that they were being taxed because they didn't have representation in Parliament.

e. **The Townshend Acts**: 1767, taxed imports such as glass, tea, paint, and paper.

f. **The Boston Massacre**: 1770, fight between colonists and British.  Many believe that Crispus Attucks, who was killed in the Boston Massacre, was the first person killed in the fight for freedom.

g. **The Tea Act**: 1773, gave Britain's East India Company a monopoly on tea. This means that the colonists had to buy their tea from the East India Company.

h. **The Boston Tea Party**: 1773, The Massachusetts governor allowed the ships carrying the tea to enter the harbor. The colonists were not pleased with this and as an act of protest threw more than 300 chests of tea into the harbor.

i. **The Coercive Acts:** 1774, forced colonists to follow laws they felt were unfair. Closed the Boston Harbor. Ordered the British navy to blockade the harbor.  Didn't allow legislature to meet. Town meetings had to be approved.  Ordered to quarter soldiers. Became known as the Intolerable Acts.

j. **The First Continental Congress**: September, 1774, first meeting of colonial leaders. Met in Philadelphia. Congress sent a signed petition to King George III.