

## Road to American Revolution Project

Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION:** Why did the American colonies choose to separate from Great Britain?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** There were many factors leading to the American Revolution. **Core - choose 10 from the list below and Pre AP/GT - complete all.** On your big paper, draw an actual road. For each issue/factor you choose, you are to create a road sign. Place your road signs in chronological order on the road including the date by each one. The last stop should be the American Revolution, which should also include the dates. The challenge is that your road sign MAY NOT be a picture of anything in the name of the issue. For instance, for the Boston Tea Party, you may not use a picture of tea or a teapot.

For each sign you must write 2-4 sentences detailing why you chose that picture for that issue. **The sentences should show that you know about that issue and why it led to war**, but it should not be a description of the issue.

### **LIST:**

- French and Indian War
- Proclamation of 1763
- Sugar Act
- Stamp Act
- Quartering Act
- Townshend Act
- Boston Massacre
- Tea Act
- Boston Tea Party
- Intolerable Acts
- Committee of Correspondence
- No Taxation Without Representation
- First Continental Congress
- Second Continental Congress
- Lexington and Concord

### **BAD EXAMPLE:**

The road sign I chose for the Boston Tea Party is a cup of tea. The Boston Tea Party was in 1773 when a group of colonists dressed as Indians dumped tons of tea into the Boston Harbor. They did that because they were angry about the tea tax imposed by the King of England. They were protesting the tax because they did not have representation in parliament.

### **GOOD EXAMPLE:**

The road sign I created for the Boston Tea Party is a broken stick representing the last straw. In 1773, the king had repealed all taxes except the tea tax, and it was the last straw for the colonists. They were so fed up with the taxes imposed by Britain, they dumped tons of tea into the Boston Harbor without regard for possible consequences. They wanted Britain to see how angry they were and how they would not tolerate anymore taxes. The last straw represents their willingness to do whatever was necessary to prove that the colonists would not tolerate any further taxation without representation.

### **QUICK CHECK LIST:**

- \*Neatly colored road with 5-7 road signs plus the last one which represents the beginning of the war.
- \*Dates on or near each road sign.
- \*Road signs in chronological order.
- \*Neatly written/typed sentences for each of your road signs
- \*Your sentences EXPLAIN why you selected that sign (how the event and the picture correlate) rather than explain the event itself
- \*Title on all the papers
- \*Name on all the papers

**Rubric - Core Classes**

50 points - 10 Road signs (includes title, symbol and year in chronological order) @ 5 points each

50 points - 10 Explanations (written in complete sentences and explains what your symbol has to do with the event) @ 5 points each

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100 points total (summative grade)

**Rubric - Pre AP/GT Classes**

45 points - 15 Road signs (includes title, symbol and year in chronological order) @ 3 points each

45 points - 15 Explanations (written in complete sentences; explains what your symbol has to do with the event) @ 3 points each

10 points neatness and color

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100 points total (summative grade)