



Glossary

Absorbed

Having your attention be completely taken up by or given to something.

Alliance

A group of people, countries, or groups that share specific goals and agree to work together.

Ambitious

Having a desire to be successful, influential, or famous.

Apprise/Apprised

To give or have given information, notice, or updates to someone.

Arrogant

Having or showing the attitude that you are better, more intelligent, or more important than other people.

Assuredly

Without doubt.

Blossom/Blossomed

To change or have changed, grown, and developed fully.

Boycott/Boycotted

To refuse or have refused to buy, use, or participate in something as a way of protesting.

Capital

A city in which the main offices of a government are located.

Constitution

A document that outlines the system of beliefs and laws by which a country, state, or organization is governed.

Controversial

Causing disagreement or argument.

Converse/Conversing

To talk or be talking with someone in a relaxed, friendly manner.

Correspondence

The exchange of letters between two or more people. It also refers to the letters that are written and received.

Court Circuit

The regular route and schedule of courts to which judges and lawyers would travel in the colonies and early nation. In the British colonies and later the early United States, lawyers and judges were required to leave very populated areas like Boston and travel to more rural communities to hear and decide court cases. They could also revisit cases that local justices of the peace had judged and determine if previous decisions needed to be changed or not.

Court/Courting

To act or be acting toward a person in a way that shows that you want or plan to get married to them.

Daunting

Something that is very difficult to do or deal with.

Democracy

A form of government in which people choose leaders or pass legislation by voting. Also, an organization or situation in which there are no class distinctions between members.

Devour/Devouring

To enjoy or be enjoying something quickly and with enthusiasm in a way that shows you are excited about it.

Dictate

To speak or read something to a person who writes it down.

Diplomat

A person who represents their country's government in a foreign country.

Fatigue

Weariness or exhaustion from labor, exertion, or stress.

Fervently

Engaging in behavior while showing very strong and positive feelings about that behavior. Passionately.

First Continental Congress

A meeting from September to October of 1774 of representatives from 12 of the 13 British colonies in North America that would become

the United States of America in 1776. They gathered in Philadelphia, PA, to determine how to respond to behavior towards the colonies from the British Parliament and military, to advocate for colonial rights, and to coordinate boycotts.

Guarded

Very careful about giving information to anyone.

Import/Importing

To bring or be bringing a product into a country to be sold.

Inclination

A feeling of wanting to do something or a preference or a liking of something.

Independent

To not be controlled by other people or another authority; to decide for yourself.

Indignation

Anger that is caused by something unfair or wrong.

Inevitable

Something that is sure to happen or cannot be avoided.

Lexington and Concord

Two towns in Massachusetts that were sites of the first battles of the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775. British troops marched from Boston to Concord to seize military supplies held by the colonists but were met by groups of local militiamen in Lexington who tried to defend their town. Other local groups arrived and fought in small battles, or skirmishes, with the British along the

road back to Boston. Around 250 members of the British Army were killed or wounded, as were about 90 Massachusetts militia members.

Liberty

The power to do or choose what you want to; often stated to be a political right.

Livid

Very angry.

Monarch

A person, such as a king or queen, who rules a kingdom or empire.

Obligation

Something that you must do because of a rule, a promise, or because it is morally right.

President

The elected or appointed head of a government or an organization.

Rambunctious

Uncontrolled in a way that is playful or full of energy.

Reinforcements

People and supplies that are sent to help or support an army or military force.

Representation

Speaking or acting in support of or on behalf of someone or a group.

Reserved

Not openly expressive of feelings or opinions.

Revolution

A radical change, especially the attempt by a people to end the rule of one government and start a new one.

Rheumatism

A disease that causes stiffness and pain in the muscles and swelling and pain in the joints.

Rights

Things a person is or should be morally or legally allowed to have, get, or do.

Spirited

To be full of courage or energy; very lively or determined.

Taxed/Taxation

Paying or being required to pay money to the government for the public good. A tax may be added to the price of goods for sale, be required as a percentage of the money you earn at work, or be required based on the value of the property you own.

The Tea Act

A law passed by Parliament on May 10, 1773, that said that the British East India Company was the only company allowed to send and sell tea from Great Britain to the American colonies. It angered many American colonists because it hurt the business of some shippers and was thought to be a restriction of their liberties.

Unparalleled

Something that has no equal.

Vivid

Very clear, bright, and/or detailed; easy to see or picture clearly.

Well Versed

Being highly experienced, practiced, or skilled; very knowledgeable.