

Knowledge Organiser: SPRING 2

Year 5 Non-European History: American Revolution

Vocabulary	Meaning
tax	Money that we pay to the government when we buy something or when we earn money
debt	money is that is owed to a person or bank
New World	a name for the Americas, especially during the time of first exploration and colonization of the Americas by Europeans
massacre	mass killing of many people
engraving	a print made from an engraved plate, block or other surface
East India Company	a 17 th -century joint stock company founded to trade with India to Britain's advantage
tomahawk	axe Vurture & Grow & Achieve
Sons of Liberty	the secret society formed to protect the rights of the colonists and fight taxation by the British government
tyranny	cruel, crushing government
liberty	being free within society
government	the group of people with the authority to govern a country
emancipation	being set free
loyalist	a person who remains loyal to the established ruler or government
tactic	an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end
patriot	a person who supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies

Key knowledge – Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party occurred on December 16, 1773. It was one of the key events leading up to the American Revolution.

There was tea involved but nobody was drinking it! It was a protest by the colonists against the British government. They boarded three cargo ships and threw 342 chests of tea into the water.

Key knowledge – Declaration of Independence

The declaration of independence is the founding document of the United States. On July 4, 1776, the document proclaimed that the 13 original colonies of America were "free and independent states." It was the last of a series of steps that led colonies to final separation from Great Britain.



History Timeline

What has happening in Britain at the same time?

1765-1783

