

Student Worksheet #2:

The American Revolution: From Protest to Independence (3 pages)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use the video and *Student Worksheet #1: The Road to Independence Timeline* to answer these questions.



1. The Big Question

Which events do you think most pushed the colonies toward independence? Why did you choose these events?



2. Britain's Debt

Why did Britain want the colonies to pay more money after the French and Indian War?



3. Taxation Without Representation

Why were many colonists upset about the Stamp Act and other British taxes?

What did **taxation without representation** mean to the colonists?



4. Colonial Protest

What were some ways colonists protested British taxes and British control?

Why do you think these protests made the conflict more serious?



5. Boston Massacre

Why did the Boston Massacre increase anger and distrust toward Britain?



6. Boston Tea Party and British Punishment

What happened at the Boston Tea Party?

How did Britain punish Massachusetts after the Boston Tea Party?



7. Intolerable Acts

Why did the Intolerable Acts make other colonies worry that they could be next?



8. Common Sense

How did Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* help make independence a more popular idea?



9. A Dangerous Decision

Why was declaring independence a dangerous decision?



10. Freedom Then and Now

The American Revolution helped shape ideas about freedom, rights, representation, and government by the people.

What freedom or civic responsibility do you think Americans should appreciate today because of the American Revolution? Explain.
