

Fifth Grade Big Project
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Quartering Act of 1774

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INTRODUCTION

In 1774 King George imposed Intolerable Acts against American colonists. The Coercive Acts included the Boston Port Act, the Administration of Justice Act, the Massachusetts Government Act, and the Quartering Act. These rules were in response to the rebellion of the colonists.

The Quartering Act

For the Patriots the Quartering Act of 1774 was one of the many straws that broke the camel's back. The Quartering Act allowed British soldiers to stay in anyone's home with all the supplies like food and water and even liquor provided by the colonists. The British government claimed that this was to improve housing for the soldiers stationed in the colonies. Eventually, all the colonies except Pennsylvania refused to comply with the Quartering Act.

The Loyalist Reaction

Most loyalists did not mind having the British soldiers in their homes. They felt safer with them there. Some loyalists stayed true to England because they felt a sense of pride for being part of the strongest nation in the world. . Many of them also still had family and England.

The Patriot's Reaction

The Patriots believed the Quartering Act was punishment for the Boston Tea Party. They were convinced that the soldiers were there to take away their freedom, not to protect them. Some colonists refused to go along with housing the soldiers because they thought it was a sneaky way to tax them. This new act also reminded them of the Quartering Act of 1765 which made them angry once again.

Conclusion

The American Revolution started in 1775 and the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4th, 1776 in the Pennsylvania State House. The Quartering Act was such a big deal that the Declaration of Independence addressed housing soldiers so it would not happen again. Many countries fought in the American Revolution including England, France, the United States of America plus the Indigenous Nations. Eventually, the war was over in 1783. America won its independence from Great Britain and was its own country. Today we celebrate our freedom on July 4th but we will always remember when it took to get here.

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