The American Revolution

APUSH
First Continental Congress

Driven by Intolerable Acts of 1774

September 1774 in Philadelphia

Concern about threats to liberties

- Most Americans not thinking of independence
- Want restoration of pre-1763 relationship to the crown

Delegates come from all colonies except Georgia
Actions of Congress

1. Call for immediate repeal of Intolerable Acts; resistance via a boycott & making military preparations
2. Passed Declaration and Resolves
   a. Urges King to make right colonial grievances & restore rights
   b. Recognizes parliamentary right to regulate commerce
3. Creates Continental Association- network of committees to enforce Suffolk Resolves (boycott above)
4. If colonial rights are not recognized, delegates will meet again
Fighting Begins

King’s government angrily dismisses petition

- Massachussetts declared in a state of rebellion
- More troops sent

Lexington and Concord

- 1st shots fired

Bunker Hill
Second Continental Congress

Meets in May 1775

Divided:

- One group wants a complete break & declare independence
- Others want to resolve by negotiating a new relationship with Great Britain

Military Actions taken:

- Washington was appointed to head Continental Army
- Olive Branch Petition

Prohibitory Act