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The Road to Independence: Learn and Practice

How the colonies became a new nation.

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Key events

- Britain taxed the colonists, who said "No taxation without representation."
- 1773: Boston Tea Party. 1775: first battles at Lexington and Concord.
- July 4, 1776: the Declaration of Independence, written mainly by Thomas Jefferson, was adopted.
- 1781: the British surrendered at Yorktown. 1783: the Treaty of Paris ended the war.

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B. Colonists should not be taxed without a voice in government

C. Only kings can vote

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B. dumped British tea into Boston Harbor

C. built a new ship

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✏️ Explain it! Write two facts you learned about the road to independence.

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They protested a tax on tea.

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They were fought in Massachusetts in April 1775.

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Paul Revere, with others, rode on April 18, 1775.

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Jefferson wrote the first draft.