

## Revolution and the New Nation

1754-1820s

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French and Indian War ends in victory for Britain.

1764 Sugar Act is first of new taxes imposed on colonists.

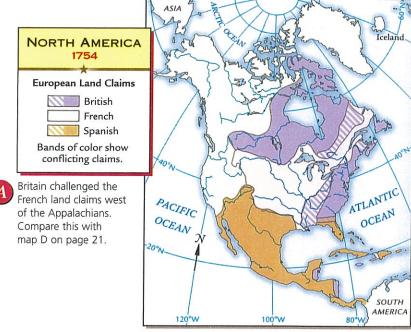
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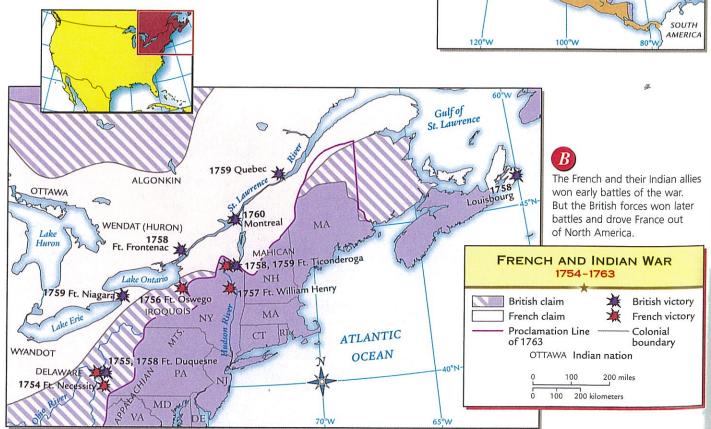
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## The French and Indian War Changes America

The bitter rivalry between France and Britain led to war over their competing claims in North America.

- ★ Huron and Algonkin Indians fought with the French. Colonists and Iroquois Indians fought with the British.
- ★ Britain won the war and took control of French territory east of the Mississippi River.
- ★ In the Proclamation of 1763, Britain reserved all lands west of the Appalachians for Native Americans.
- ★ Colonists faced new British taxes and tighter British control after the war. Many colonists grew rebellious.





United States expands beyond Appalachians to Mississippi River.

1775–1781 Revolutionary War wins U.S. independence from Great Britain. 1787 Northwest Territory laid out for settlement.

U.S. Constitution ratified.

**Kentucky** becomes first state west of Appalachians.

1803 Louisiana Territory bought by United States.

> 1812–1815 War of 1812 fought against Britain.

Monroe Doctrine
bans new colonies
in the Americas.

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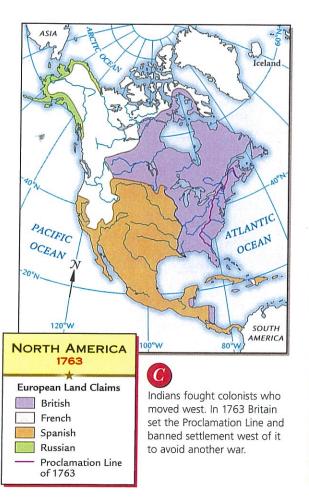
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**1776 Declaration of Independence** signed in Philadelphia.

1790 Slaves and free blacks total 19% of U.S. population.

**1821 Mexico** gains independence from Spain.

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YEAR	TAX LAW	ITEMS TAXED
1764	Sugar Act	Molasses
1765	Stamp Act	Newspapers, dice, playing cards, legal documents
1767	Townshend Act	Imported paint, lead, glass, paper, tea

## BRITISH TAXES ON COLONISTS

After the French and Indian War, Britain taxed colonists for the first time. Taxes were meant to pay for defense of the colonies and to assert British control over colonists and colonial trade.



The 1773 Tea Act gave special privileges to the British East India Company and threatened colonial merchants, especially in Boston. Colonists, some dressed as Indians, boarded the company's ships and dumped the tea into Boston Harbor. Their protest became known as the Boston Tea Party.



739,221 lbs.



## TEA IMPORTED FROM BRITAIN

To protest the Tea Act and avoid paying taxes, some colonists chose to *boycott* British imports. The demand for tea and other British goods quickly dropped.



73,274 lbs.



22,198 lbs.

