1740 - 1776: The Road to Revolution

- Foreign Affairs – English/French Conflicts
  - King George’s War
  - Seven Years’ War

- Conflicts between England and Colonies
  - Issues
  - Consequences
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- **WHY** did colonists declare independence?
- **HOW** did colonists come to see themselves as “Americans”?
- **HOW** did colonists from 13 very different colonies come together to fight for independence?
WHAT were the specific ISSUES at the root of the conflict?

- Political
- Economic
- Ideological
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- Economic conflict
  - Restrictions on trade (mercantilism)
  - Navigation Laws
  - Smuggling
  - Increased enforcement
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Foreign Affairs

- King William’s War, 1689 - 1697
- Queen Anne’s War, 1702 - 1713
- King George’s War, 1740 - 1748
- French & Indian War, 1755 - 1763
18th century Warfare

- “Regular” Army
- Navy
- Royal Marines (1755)
- Professionals
17th – 18th century Weapons

- Matchlock musket
17th – 18th century Weapons

- Flintlock musket

“Brown Bess”
Socket bayonet
“linear” warfare
mobile field artillery
- British
  - “regulars” – professional military

- Colonists
  - militia
King George’s War, 1744

War of Austrian Succession
- New York
- New Hamshire
- Massachusetts
- Nova Scotia
Fort Louisbourg
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[Map of Acadia (1743)]

- British territory
- French territory
- British claimed area
- De facto border (Isthmus of Chignecto)
- Fortress
- Military base
- Civil settlement
- Line of communication by land or water
- Line of communication by sea

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Iroquois
Ohio River Valley
Fort Duquesne
Battle of Jumonville Glen
May 1754

George Washington
Albany Congress

Benj. Franklin
Seven Years’ War

- Great Britain, Portugal, Prussia & allies
- France, Spain, Austria, Russia, Sweden, & allies
French & Indian War
French & Indian War

General Edward Braddock

Fort Duquesne, July 1755
Nova Scotia

“Acadians”
Expulsion of the Acadians

Les Acadiens = “Cajuns”
William Pitt
Battle for Montreal, 1760
French Revolution
American Revolution