

What forces led to the American Revolution?



Name: _____ Class Period: _____

Forces Leading to the American Revolution

Using PERSIA, create lists of forces that motivated the colonies to break away from Great Britain.

Throughout unit 2, break down the important political, economic, religious, social, intellectual, and artistic aspects of the period. Each time you come to an event, list it down in the appropriate column. Some items will go in more than one.

POLITICS	ECONOMICS	RELIGION	SOCIAL	INTELLECTUAL	ARTISTIC

Social Forces Feeding Rebellion

1. Population is booming through immigration and **reproduction** (Conquest by Cradle)
2. Melting Pot creating “African-Americans” and “Americans,” the most diverse populations in the world
3. Land of Opportunity and Equality (caveat/slavery)
4. Increasing connection among 13

Intellectual Forces Feeding Rebellion

1. Increased education (colleges/libraries)
2. Development of public opinion
3. Printing press, newspapers, and freedom of press (ZENGER CASE)

Religious Forces Feeding Rebellion

4. Religious tensions

Presbyterians, Congregationalists

vs

Church of England (Anglican)

5. The Great Awakening

Political Forces Feeding Rebellion

1. Benign Neglect ending
2. Shifting balance of power
 - 1700: 20 Brits to every American
 - 3 Brits to every American
3. Colonial govts creatively ruling in spite of British “interference”
4. Republicanism
5. Taxes following French and Indian War
6. Radical Whigs, political commentators

Economic Forces Feeding Rebellion

1. Trade Imbalance & Mercantilism

American demand for product exceeded what Britain could produce, and Britain couldn't absorb all America had to sell

2. Molasses Act, 1733

3. Rebellions spurred by thirst for land (Paxton Boys, Regulator Movement)

Artistic forces feeding rebellion

1. American art begins to emerge
 - a. John Trumball
 - b. Charles Wilson Peale
 - c. Benjamin West
 - d. John Singleton Copley

Artistic forces feeding rebellion

2. Modified architecture

3. American writers

a. Phillis Wheatley

b. Benjamin Franklin