American History 1 Honors Unit 2 Acts and Taxes

- Parliament passes stamp act (1765)
  - Taxed on any paper not just stamps
  - Quartering act
    - Soldiers can stay in house without permission
  - Sons of liberty
    - Secret society of patriots in Boston
      - Samuel Adams
      - John Adams
    - No taxation w/o representation
    - Protests and boycotts were organized
    - declaratory says England can make laws in colony
    - Stamp agents harassed
    - Law eventually repealed

- Townshend acts
  - New tax placed imports such as tea, glass, paper, paint
  - Colonists again get upset and protest
  - British react by sending troops

- Boston massacre
  - March 1770
  - Protest by colony
  - British troops fire on crowd
  - 5 colonists killed
  - Capicus attucks-1st African American killed
  - Most soldiers found not guilty
  - John Adams served as attorney for soldiers
  - All 5 men are buried together along with boy he died 2 weeks prior from getting shot at protest

- Tea Acts (1773)
  - Allowed company to bypass colonial merchants and sell the tea directly to shop keepers at low price
  - Tax on the most popular drink

- Boston Tea Party
  - Tax still remain in effect
  - Monopoly of tea given to British company
  - Dec. 1773 colonists raided Boston harbor and threw the tea overboard and burned the ships
  - Sons of liberty involved
  - 365 of tea in harbor

- Intolerable acts
  - Parliament passes coercive act in reaction
  - Colonists call it intolerable acts
  - Closed Boston harbor
  - Suspended basic civil rights
  - Housed troops in peoples home
  - Committees of correspondence
    - Group of individuals who exchanged ideas information and propaganda used to go against Britain