War and Independence

Part 1- Lexington and Concord

**ABC Brainstorming**: Write down specific words or phrases that begin with each letter about how the colonists were feeling around the time of the First Continental Congress.

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B-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

-Why were many colonists feeling the way you described above?

-To try and deal with the increasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Great Britain, delegates from \_\_\_\_\_\_ colonies met to discuss what to do. This became known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-The delegates decided on the following:

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trade with Britain.

-Send a list of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the king.

-Organize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Hold a second meeting if the king \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make changes.

-Many colonists expected that ending trade with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would force Parliament to end the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acts.

-King George III and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not listen to the protests of the colonists. Instead, it added new limits on colonial trade and sent more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the colonies.

-More and more colonists wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These people were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-There were still some colonists that wanted to stay under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule. They were called Loyalists or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Committees of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were formed in many communities. These were local groups made up of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that eventually replaced colonial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ set up by the British.

-The First Continental Congress decided that communities should organize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These militiamen were often called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because they could be ready to fight in a “minute”.

-**Think About It!** What do soldiers need to fight?

-These militias needed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fight, so they started secretly collecting and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the British.

**What Do You Think?**

During this time period, it was very hard to keep secrets in the colonies. Why do you think that was the case?

-General Gage in Boston learned of weapons being stored by patriots in the town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He decided to have them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-In the early morning hours of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, seven hundred elite British soldiers were to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ row across the Charles River from Boston and march \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles to Concord and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Patriot’s weapons.

-The Sons of Liberty had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ network set up to watch the British soldiers. When they found out what the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were planning, they needed to let the local \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ know.

-Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, William \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Samuel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warned the people that the British were on their way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-Patriots gathered in the town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to stop the British. A small battle took place. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ easily beat the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-The British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on to Concord. Once there, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the hidden weapons, but most of the weapons had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-More minutemen gathered and attacked the British at Concord. The first shots fired are known as the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

-As the British retreated back to Boston along what is now called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they are shot at and harassed by the almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Minutemen who answered the call to fight.

-This victory encouraged the Patriots but enraged the British. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had begun!

**Exit Question**: Do you think violence could have been avoided? Why or why not?