

1st Continental Congress (Philadelphia, 1774)

* Delegates from 12 / 13 colonies met for a secret meeting

Important People

- John Adams
- John Hancock
- Patrick Henry
- George Washington

"I am no longer a Virginian, I am an American!" - Patrick Henry

* It is important that ~~to~~ everyone begin to think as one, not individuals

Results

- All trade will halt with Britian
- All colonies will form Militias

Boston has 3,000 British troops in it, but they are surrounded by more than 10,000 colonial Militia

Militia formed Minutemen who could form on a minutes notice

* Colonists are sneaking out ^{P.2} cannons, ammo, guns ... from Boston

Lexington & Concord (1775)

- British troops are sent to Concord to seize the colonial armor that is being stored. @ there

* Paul Revere rides into the countryside, along with others, to warn the country that the British are on the way.

↳ By 1:00 am militia & minutemen are gathered to meet the British troops.

↳ At 4:30 drums announce the British are near!

↳ One lone shot is fired by an unknown person & everyone began firing. The war began!
"The shot heard 'round the world."

* More & more colonists gather in Concord to protect the ammunition. The British are greatly outnumbered & forced to retreat.