A historical painting depicting a group of men in 18th-century attire in a room, with a woman in the foreground holding a large American flag. The scene is set in a well-furnished room with a fireplace, a window with curtains, and a doorway. The men are dressed in formal clothing, including powdered wigs and long coats. One man in the center is holding a cane. The woman in the foreground is holding a large American flag with stars and stripes. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant historical event.

Road to Revolution

Causes of the American Revolution

Transition from Chapter 5 to Chapter 6
(with illustrations from "Adventure Tales in America")



Causes of the American Revolution

--- POLITICAL ---

1 Britain's neglect of the colonies



Causes of the American Revolution

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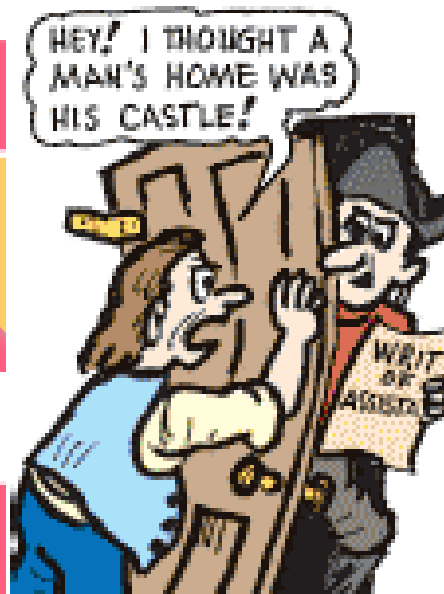
Taxation without representation



Causes of the American Revolution

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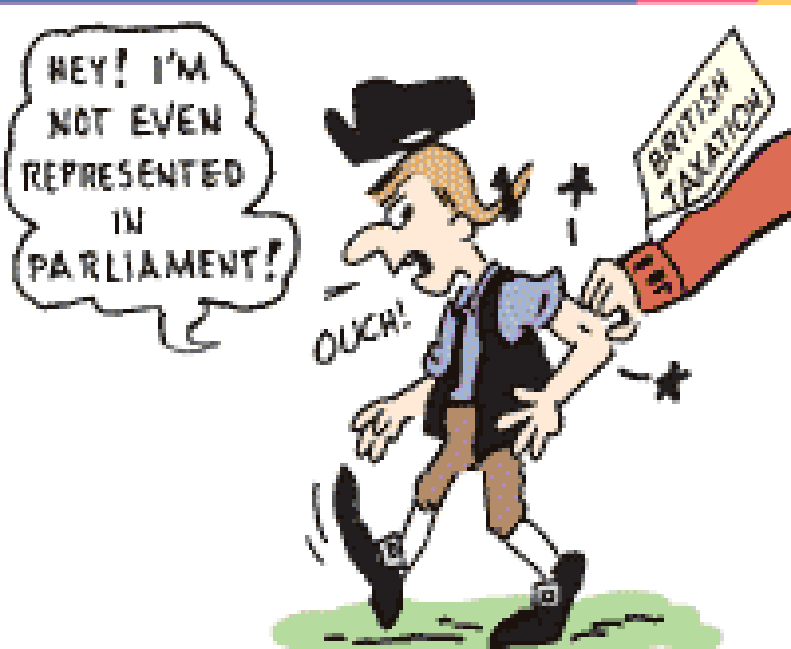
Limitation of individual rights



Causes of the American Revolution

--- ECONOMIC ---

Taxation



Passed by Parliament:

Sugar Act (1764)

Stamp Act (1765)

Townshend Acts (1767)

Tea Act (1773)

Causes of the American Revolution

--- ECONOMIC ---

Mercantilism

Britain's Economic Policy

- 1. Gold in the treasury makes a nation strong.**
- 2. A nation must have a favorable balance of trade: more gold coming in than going out.**
- 3. Therefore, a nation must regulate its trade to sell more (export) than it buys (import).**
- 4. Colonies exist for the trade benefit of the mother country (Britain).**



Causes of the American Revolution

--- ECONOMIC ---

Trade restrictions

Britain regulated trade with the colonies for her own benefit through navigation, or shipping, laws that forced the colonists to trade mainly with Britain. (Navigation Acts)



Causes of the American Revolution

--- ECONOMIC ---

Free enterprise

But Britain failed to enforce these navigation laws, and the colonists traded with whomever they pleased—engaging in free enterprise (free, unrestricted trade).



Causes of the American Revolution

--- ECONOMIC ---

Economic power

The colonists made money through free trade. They grew accustomed to free enterprise, and when Britain finally began enforcing the navigation laws, it was too late!!

