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ERA 3: REVOLUTION AND THE NEW NATION (1754–1820s)
THEMES: AMERICAN IDENTITY, CULTURE, POLITICS AND
CITIZENSHIP, REFORM, WAR AND DIPLOMACY

“THE SPARCK OF REBELLION”

Guiding Questions

When did the American Revolution begin?

Who is to blame for the conflict between
American Radicals and the British government?

Question Focus Examples for Task 24

American Radicals were looking for
any excuse to fight with the British.



The Boston Tea Party, an act of patriotic
vandalism, propelled the colonists
inexorably toward war with Britain.

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Teacher-to-Teacher

This piece provides a good introduction to a topic which is far more complex than generally considered. It should be used in conjunction with a text or other sources so that students can better appreciate this. The probable motivations of the belligerent parties, to the extent that anyone two hundred years later can fathom them, should be outlined for students as they study the birth pangs of the United States.

Literature Connection:
Johnny Tremain by Ester Forbes

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- ❖ “The Sparck of Rebellion” by Douglas Brinkley ARTICLE
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- ❖ *The Bostonian’s Paying the Excise-man, or Tarring & Feathering* POLITICAL CARTOON
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- ❖ Orders to Lieut. Colonel Smith, 10th Regiment ’Foot DOCUMENT
- ❖ British Expedition and Patriot Messengers Routes MAP
- ❖ Diary of John Barker DOCUMENT
- ❖ A Narrative of the Excursion and Ravages of the King’s Troops Under the Command of General Gage, on the Nineteenth of April, 1775: Together with the Depositions ... DOCUMENT

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Task 24
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