

Social Studies Study Guide for
Chapter 6 Lesson 3
Disagreements Grow

petition - a signed request

monopoly - when someone has complete control of a good or service

minutemen - colonial soldiers who were ready to fight at a minute's notice

revolution - a sudden and complete change in government

quarter - to feed and house; colonists were forced to quarter British soldiers

Boston Blockade - British warships kept other ships from entering and leaving the harbor

Boston Tea Party

- First the Tea Act was passed in which Parliament gave the East India Company a monopoly on tea which meant the colonists could only buy tea from them
- British tea ships were allowed to dock in Boston Harbor, which angered the colonists
- To protest, the Sons of Liberty threw boxes of tea into Boston Harbor.
- This was an act of civil disobedience.
- As punishment the British passed the Coercive Acts.

Coercive Acts

- Boston Harbor was closed until the colonists paid for the destroyed tea
- All town meetings had to be approved by General Thomas Gage
- Colonists were ordered to quarter British soldiers
- Because of all these, the colonists became more united against Britain

The First Continental Congress

- met because colonial leaders wanted to decide how to respond to these British Acts and laws.
- As a result they sent a signed petition to the king reminding him of their basic rights as British citizens.
- Congress then voted to stop trade with Britain.

Lexington and Concord - Britain then sent troops to these towns to capture the Sons of Liberty and take their weapons.