UNIT 2 PLOT DIAGRAM

RISING ACTION
1st Continental Congress meets, 1774
Intolerable Acts (aka Coercive Acts), 1774
Boston Tea Party, 1773

Tea Act, 1773
Writs of Assistance 1772
Boston Massacre, 1770

Townshend Act, 1767
Stamp Act, 1765

Sugar Act, 1764
Proclamation of 1763

EXPOSITION
Setting: English colonies in North America
Antagonist: King George III / Parliament Loyalists/Tories
Protagonist: English colonists in North America Patriots/Minutemen/Militia

EVENT: The French and Indian War (The Seven Years War) Ends in 1763 with the Treaty of Paris

CLIMAX
Battle of Lexington & Concord, 1775 (“the shot heard ‘round the world”)

FALLING ACTION
2nd Continental Congress meets, 1775
Thomas Paine publishes Common Sense, 1776
Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776
Battles of…(battles are bulleted)
• Saratoga, 1777
• Yorktown, 1781

RESOLUTION
Treaty of Paris, 1783
• ends the American Revolutionary War
• formally recognized American independence
• granted generous boundaries (west to the Mississippi River, north to the Great Lakes, and south to Spanish Florida)