

# UNIT 2 PLOT DIAGRAM



## CLIMAX

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

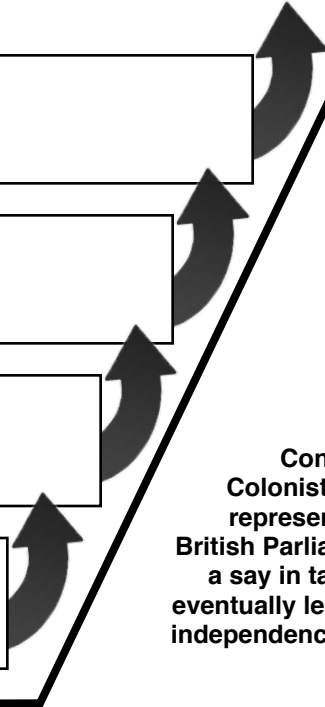
## RISING ACTION

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

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**Writs of Assistance 1772**  
Boston Massacre, 1770

Townshend Act, 1767  
Stamp Act, 1765

Sugar Act, 1764  
Proclamation of 1763



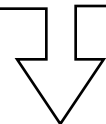
## FALLING ACTION

2nd Continental Congress meets, 1775  
Thomas Paine publishes *Common Sense*, 1776  
Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

Battles of...(battles are bulleted)

- Saratoga, 1777

- French Alliance, 1778
- Yorktown, 1781



**Conflict:**  
Colonists wanted representation in British Parliament to have a say in tax policies; eventually led to declaring independence from Britain



## EXPOSITION

Setting: English colonies in North America

Antagonist: King George III / Parliament    **Loyalists/Tories**

Protagonist: English colonists in North America    **Patriots/Minutemen/Militia**

## 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)

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