Important Terms and People to Know for the

Causes of the American Revolution Test

1. Proclamation of 1763-

\*forbade colonists from **settling** **west** of the Appalachian Mountains

\*made colonists **upset** because they felt they were deprived of **land** and **opportunities**

2. Tax- an **extra cost** on a product paid to the government

3. Committees of Correspondence- **groups** of colonists who **spread the news** about boycotts and protests throughout the colonies

4. Sam Adams- **a Son of Liberty** who organized (sometimes violent) protests in Boston

\*sometimes known as **"the father of the American Revolution"**

5. Declaratory Act- King George III **declared** that he could tax the colonists if he wanted to - **without their permission or representation in British government**

6. Paul Revere- created the engraving of the Boston Massacre (propaganda!)

\*rode to Lexington and Concord to warn the militia

7. King George III- King of England during this time

\*was very stubborn about his right to rule the colonists without their permission

8. John Hancock- a Boston smuggler and rich guy who was a part of the Sons of Liberty and First Continental Congress

9. John Adams- defended British soldiers accused of murder for the Boston Massacre

\*represented Massachusetts at the First Continental Congress

10. Legislature/Parliament- the part of government that makes laws

11. militia- an army of volunteers who would fight in an emergency

12. minutemen- American patriots who were ready to fight "in a minute"

13. Sons of Liberty- a group of radical colonists who organized and led protests/boycotts against Great Britain

\*were sometimes violent

\*organized the Boston Tea Party

14. propaganda- something that is exaggerated or false to take one side of an issue

15. boycott- to refuse to buy or use products to protest something unfair

16. First Continental Congress- 12 of the 13 colonies sent representatives to Philadelphia to...

\*respond to the Intolerable Acts

\*decide to boycott British products

\*send a letter of grievances to the King

17. Stamp Act- a British tax on paper in the colonies

\*was repealed (stopped) by the British after boycotts in the colonies

18. Sugar Act- a British tax on sugar in the colonies

\*was repealed by the British after boycotts in the colonies

19. Townshend Acts- British taxes on glass, lead, paper, and especially TEA!

\*all taxes were repealed by the British except the tax on

20. Intolerable Acts- a set of punishments that the British put on the people of Massachusetts and Boston after the Boston Tea Party

\*made colonists quarter (house and feed) British soldiers

\*did not allow Boston to trade with other colonies

\*wouldn't allow colonists to gather in Boston (to prevent the organization of protests and boycotts)

21. Patrick Henry- a Virginian whose speech "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!" inspired many colonists to take the Patriot side against the British and for American independence