

1 01:00:16:09 01:00:19:18 *AMERICA IN 1763,*  
*NOT YET A NATION.*

2 01:00:19:20 01:00:21:27 ARE WE DEALING WITH  
A NATION THAT'S  
BECOMING MORE ALIKE

3 01:00:21:29 01:00:23:06 OR IS IT BECOMING  
MORE DIFFERENT

4 01:00:23:08 01:00:24:18 AT THE SAME TIME?

5 01:00:24:20 01:00:26:19 I THINK WE STARTED  
OUT AS DIFFERENT  
AS WE COULD BE.

6 01:00:26:21 01:00:28:19 *THE BEGINNING OF*  
*THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*

7 01:00:28:21 01:00:30:04 *13 COLONIES UNDER*  
*THE BRITISH FLAG.*

8 01:00:30:06 01:00:32:22 THEY SEE THEIR  
FUTURE AS BRITISH.

9 01:00:32:24 01:00:34:03 *BUT THE BOND IS SEVERED*

10 01:00:34:05 01:00:36:00 *AND AMERICANS DECLARE*  
*THEIR INDEPENDENCE*

11 01:00:36:02 01:00:38:13 *IN ACTION AND IN*  
*THEIR WRITTEN DOCUMENTS.*

12 01:00:38:15 01:00:39:29 THESE ARE NOT  
DEAD DOCUMENTS.

13 01:00:40:01 01:00:42:17 AND THESE DOCUMENTS  
CHANGED IN MEANING

14 01:00:42:19 01:00:44:27 AND IN THEIR SIGNIFICANCE  
AS A RESULT OF THIS CONFLICT.

15 01:00:44:29 01:00:47:04 *TODAY ON A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA*

16 01:00:47:06 01:00:49:08 *"THE COMING OF INDEPENDENCE."*

17 01:00:54:29 01:00:58:10 [Captioning sponsored  
by ANNENBERG/CPB]

18 01:01:21:14 01:01:25:18 THE BRITISH COLONISTS  
SAW THE YEAR 1763

19 01:01:25:20 01:01:29:07 AS A GREAT WATERSHED  
IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

20 01:01:29:09 01:01:33:18 IN THE PAST, A GREAT SEMICIRCLE  
OF CATHOLIC ENEMIES

21 01:01:33:20 01:01:37:09 HAD HEMMED THEM IN, FROM  
FRENCH CANADA AND LOUISIANA

22 01:01:37:11 01:01:41:18 ON THEIR NORTH AND WEST,  
TO SPANISH FLORIDA IN THE SOUTH.

23 01:01:41:20 01:01:45:13 BUT IN 1763, THE PEACE OF PARIS  
GAVE ALL THE LANDS

24 01:01:45:15 01:01:49:02 BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN  
AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

25 01:01:49:04 01:01:52:19 TO BRITAIN'S YOUNG  
KING GEORGE III.

26 01:01:52:21 01:01:54:18 THAT CHANGE,  
THE COLONISTS ASSUMED

27 01:01:54:20 01:01:57:04 WOULD BRING PEACE AND  
SECURITY BEYOND ANYTHING

28 01:01:57:06 01:02:01:04 THEY OR THEIR PARENTS,  
OR THEIR PARENTS' PARENTS

29 01:02:01:06 01:02:02:18 HAD KNOWN.

30 01:02:02:20 01:02:05:19 AND NOW NOTHING WOULD KEEP

31 01:02:05:21 01:02:08:15 THEM FROM SPILLING BEYOND  
 32 01:02:08:17 01:02:10:09 THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS.  
 33 01:02:10:11 01:02:13:03 IN THE WAVE OF PATRIOTISM  
 34 01:02:13:05 01:02:17:23 THAT SWEEPED THE COLONIES AFTER  
 35 01:02:17:25 01:02:19:08 THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR  
 36 01:02:19:10 01:02:22:26 NO ONE DOUBTED THAT THE AMERICA  
 37 01:02:22:28 01:02:27:01 OF THE FUTURE WOULD BE BRITISH.  
 38 01:02:27:03 01:02:29:05 AT THE TIME, IN FACT  
 39 01:02:29:07 01:02:32:22 THE VARIOUS COLONIES HAD  
 40 01:02:32:24 01:02:34:29 NO TIES WITH EACH OTHER  
 41 01:02:35:01 01:02:38:29 EXCEPT THROUGH LONDON AND  
 42 01:02:39:01 01:02:42:10 THEIR SHARED BRITISH IDENTITY.  
 43 01:02:42:12 01:02:45:22 THE AMERICANS WERE  
 44 01:02:45:24 01:02:48:17 PARTICULARLY PROUD  
 45 01:02:48:19 01:02:51:23 OF BEING GOVERNED UNDER  
 46 01:02:51:25 01:02:53:28 THE "BRITISH CONSTITUTION"  
 47 01:02:54:00 01:02:56:01 THAT IS, BRITAIN'S  
 48 01:03:01:09 01:03:06:09 FORM OF GOVERNMENT  
 49 01:03:06:11 01:03:09:04 WHICH DIVIDED POWER AMONG  
 50 01:03:09:06 01:03:15:05 THE KING, LORDS AND COMMONS  
 51 01:03:15:07 01:03:16:20 AND WHICH THEY, LIKE MANY  
 52 01:03:16:22 01:03:21:02 ENLIGHTENED EUROPEANS  
 53 01:03:21:04 01:03:22:10 CONSIDERED THE BEST  
 54 01:03:24:24 01:03:27:03 MANKIND HAD EVER DEvised  
 55 01:03:27:05 01:03:28:22 FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIBERTY.  
 56 01:03:28:24 01:03:30:26 AFFECTION REINFORCED  
 57 01:03:30:28 01:03:33:11 THE IMPERIAL BOND.  
 58 01:03:33:13 01:03:36:10 ONE SET OF COLONISTS  
 59 01:03:36:12 01:03:39:11 AFTER ANOTHER  
 60 01:03:39:13 01:03:43:06 TESTIFIED THAT  
 61 01:03:43:08 01:03:46:01 THEIR HEARTS WERE:  
 62 01:03:46:03 01:03:49:15 THE MYSTERY IS WHY,  
 ONLY 13 YEARS LATER  
 THEY DECLARED  
 THEIR INDEPENDENCE.  
 THAT MYSTERY IS NOT OURS ALONE;  
 IT WAS THE COLONISTS', TOO.  
 AS EVENTS UNFOLDED  
 THEY WONDERED AT THE UNEXPECTED  
 COURSE THEIR HISTORY WAS TAKING  
 AND SOUGHT EXPLANATIONS.  
 THE CONFLICT BETWEEN BRITAIN  
 AND HER AMERICAN COLONISTS  
 BEGAN OVER TAXES.  
 THE WAR LEFT BRITAIN  
 WITH A LARGE DEBT  
 AND NEW FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.  
 A MASSIVE INDIAN UPRISING  
 SHOWED THAT THE CROWN  
 HAD TO KEEP AN ARMY IN AMERICA.  
 THE BRITISH RESTORED PEACE, AND  
 THEN, TO PREVENT FURTHER TROUBLE  
 EXCLUDED SETTLERS FROM  
 LANDS BEYOND A LINE  
 THAT RAN NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH  
 THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS.

63 01:03:49:17 01:03:51:21 NOT ONLY WAS BRITAIN BLOCKING  
64 01:03:51:23 01:03:54:04 THE COLONISTS' WESTWARD  
EXPANSION  
65 01:03:54:06 01:03:58:07 IT WANTED *THEM* TO HELP  
PAY FOR ITS ARMY IN AMERICA.  
66 01:03:58:09 01:04:01:22 FIRST THEY HAD PARLIAMENT  
PUT NEW DUTIES ON MOLASSES  
67 01:04:01:24 01:04:03:09 IMPORTED INTO THE COLONIES  
68 01:04:03:11 01:04:05:25 FROM THE NON-BRITISH  
WEST INDIAN ISLANDS.  
69 01:04:05:27 01:04:08:07 THAT AWOKE LITTLE OPPOSITION.  
70 01:04:08:09 01:04:10:18 BUT WHEN THE KING'S  
MINISTER ANNOUNCED PLANS  
71 01:04:10:20 01:04:13:20 FOR A STAMP TAX ON  
AMERICAN LEGAL DOCUMENTS  
72 01:04:13:22 01:04:16:01 NEWSPAPERS, PAMPHLETS  
73 01:04:16:03 01:04:19:07 AND ITEMS SUCH AS DICE  
AND PLAYING CARDS  
74 01:04:19:09 01:04:22:01 ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE.  
75 01:04:22:03 01:04:23:29 NEVER BEFORE HAD  
THE PARLIAMENT LAID  
76 01:04:24:01 01:04:27:00 A DIRECT TAX ON THE COLONISTS.  
77 01:04:27:02 01:04:28:28 IN BRITAIN,  
TAXES WERE CONSIDERED  
78 01:04:29:00 01:04:30:17 "FREE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE"  
79 01:04:30:19 01:04:33:22 THAT COULD BE RAISED ONLY  
WITH THE PEOPLE'S CONSENT  
80 01:04:33:24 01:04:35:23 OR THAT OF THEIR  
REPRESENTATIVES.  
81 01:04:35:25 01:04:39:19 SINCE THE COLONISTS ELECTED NO  
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
82 01:04:39:21 01:04:42:20 THEY ARGUED, PARLIAMENT HAD  
NO RIGHT TO TAX THEM.  
83 01:04:42:22 01:04:45:01 EVEN A SMALL TAX WAS DANGEROUS.  
84 01:04:46:19 01:04:50:17 ONCE PARLIAMENT ESTABLISHED  
ITS RIGHT TO TAX THE COLONISTS  
85 01:04:50:19 01:04:54:13 IT WOULD TAX THEM TO DEATH,  
SINCE BY TAXING THE AMERICANS  
86 01:04:54:15 01:04:57:27 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REDUCED  
THEIR OWN TAX BURDEN  
87 01:04:57:29 01:05:00:04 AND THAT OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS.  
88 01:05:00:06 01:05:03:02 THE AMERICANS MADE  
THEIR CASE IN PETITIONS  
89 01:05:03:04 01:05:05:24 THAT PARLIAMENT REFUSED  
EVEN TO RECEIVE.  
90 01:05:05:26 01:05:08:10 THEN, AFTER ALL ELSE FAILED  
91 01:05:08:12 01:05:12:03 THEY FOUND A WAY TO  
PREVENT THE STAMP ACT  
92 01:05:12:05 01:05:13:13 FROM GOING INTO EFFECT.  
93 01:05:13:15 01:05:16:23 ON THE MORNING  
OF AUGUST 14, 1765  
94 01:05:16:25 01:05:21:19 AN EFFIGY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS  
STAMP DISTRIBUTOR, ANDREW OLIVER  
95 01:05:21:21 01:05:25:23 APPEARED HANGING FROM A TREE  
IN THE CENTER OF BOSTON.  
96 01:05:25:25 01:05:29:23 ALL DAY, GOODS BROUGHT INTO

TOWN FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE

97 01:05:29:25 01:05:32:12 HAD TO BE STAMPED BY THE EFFIGY.

98 01:05:32:14 01:05:37:10 AT NIGHT, A CROWD TOOK IT DOWN,  
PARADED THE EFFIGY THROUGH TOWN

99 01:05:37:12 01:05:40:00 THEN BURNED IT  
IN A GREAT BONFIRE

100 01:05:40:02 01:05:43:29 WITH MATERIALS TORN FROM  
A SUPPOSED "STAMP OFFICE"

101 01:05:44:01 01:05:46:01 THAT OLIVER WAS BUILDING.

102 01:05:46:03 01:05:49:05 LATER, PART OF THE CROWD  
ATTACKED OLIVER'S HOME.

103 01:05:49:07 01:05:50:23 FEARING MORE OF THE SAME

104 01:05:50:25 01:05:53:02 HE RESIGNED HIS OFFICE  
THE NEXT DAY

105 01:05:53:04 01:05:55:23 AND NO ONE WAS WILLING  
TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

106 01:05:55:25 01:05:58:29 THAT MEANT THE STAMP ACT  
COULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT

107 01:05:59:01 01:06:00:23 IN MASSACHUSETTS

108 01:06:00:25 01:06:04:07 SINCE THERE WAS NO ONE  
TO DISTRIBUTE THE STAMPS.

109 01:06:04:09 01:06:07:09 SOON STAMP MEN  
IN ONE COLONY AFTER ANOTHER

110 01:06:07:11 01:06:09:20 RESIGNED TO AVOID OLIVER'S FATE.

111 01:06:09:22 01:06:13:03 THEN GROUPS CALLED  
THE SONS OF LIBERTY APPEARED

112 01:06:13:05 01:06:17:20 TO COORDINATE OPPOSITION TO THE  
STAMP ACT ACROSS COLONY LINES.

113 01:06:17:22 01:06:21:17 THE COLONISTS ALSO BOYCOTTED  
CERTAIN BRITISH IMPORTS.

114 01:06:21:19 01:06:24:26 PARLIAMENT GAVE IN,  
IT REPEALED THE STAMP ACT

115 01:06:24:28 01:06:28:03 BUT ONLY AFTER DECLARING  
THAT IT HAD A RIGHT

116 01:06:28:05 01:06:31:01 TO BIND THE COLONIES  
IN ALL CASES WHATSOEVER.

117 01:06:31:03 01:06:33:17 A YEAR LATER, IT TRIED  
TO RAISE A REVENUE

118 01:06:33:19 01:06:36:10 THROUGH NEW DUTIES  
ON PAPER, GLASS AND TEA.

119 01:06:36:12 01:06:38:20 IF THAT'S HOW THE  
COLONISTS PREFERRED

120 01:06:38:22 01:06:40:09 TO GIVE MONEY TO THE CROWN

121 01:06:40:11 01:06:43:14 THE KING'S NEW MINISTER,  
CHARLES TOWNSHEND, ARGUED

122 01:06:43:16 01:06:47:03 LET THEM HAVE THEIR WAY.

123 01:06:48:14 01:06:51:25 BUT NOW A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER  
ESSAYS ENTITLED

124 01:06:51:27 01:06:54:24 "LETTERS FROM A FARMER  
IN PENNSYLVANIA"

125 01:06:54:26 01:06:57:04 URGED THE COLONISTS TO RESIST.

126 01:06:57:06 01:06:59:05 THEY WERE, IN FACT WRITTEN

127 01:06:59:07 01:07:02:23 BY A MILD-MANNERED LAWYER  
NAMED JOHN DICKINSON

128 01:07:02:25 01:07:05:22 A MAN OF PROPERTY  
WITH QUAKER CONNECTIONS

129 01:07:05:24 01:07:07:09 WHO WAS DEAD-SET  
AGAINST VIOLENCE.

130 01:07:08:25 01:07:11:28 DUTIES MEANT TO RAISE  
A REVENUE WERE TAXES, HE SAID

131 01:07:12:00 01:07:15:01 AND SO EVERY BIT AS DANGEROUS  
AS THE STAMP ACT.

132 01:07:15:03 01:07:18:13 BUT "WE CANNOT ACT WITH  
TOO MUCH CAUTION," HE WROTE

133 01:07:18:15 01:07:21:07 BECAUSE ANGER HAD A WAY  
OF PRODUCING ANGER

134 01:07:21:09 01:07:24:17 AND COULD CAUSE A SEPARATION  
OF THE COLONIES FROM BRITAIN.

135 01:07:38:05 01:07:41:29 DICKINSON RECOMMENDED  
PEACEFUL FORMS OF OPPOSITION

136 01:07:42:01 01:07:44:24 SUCH AS NON-IMPORTATION  
ASSOCIATIONS

137 01:07:44:26 01:07:48:06 IF THE COLONISTS' PETITIONS  
WENT UNANSWERED.

138 01:07:48:08 01:07:50:10 DICKINSON'S "FARMERS' LETTERS"

139 01:07:50:12 01:07:53:05 WERE COPIED FROM  
ONE NEWSPAPER TO ANOTHER.

140 01:07:53:07 01:07:55:12 AND EVERYWHERE  
THE COLONISTS SAID

141 01:07:55:14 01:07:58:08 HE HAD EXPRESSED  
THEIR POSITION PERFECTLY.

142 01:07:58:10 01:08:00:11 THEY ALSO FOLLOWED HIS ADVICE

143 01:08:00:13 01:08:04:03 AND CUT BACK IMPORTS UNTIL,  
AGAIN, PARLIAMENT GAVE IN.

144 01:08:04:05 01:08:08:28 IN 1770, IT REPEALED ALL THE NEW  
DUTIES EXCEPT THE ONE ON TEA.

145 01:08:10:14 01:08:12:11 BY THEN, HOWEVER

146 01:08:12:13 01:08:15:25 MANY COLONISTS' OLD CONFIDENCE  
IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

147 01:08:15:27 01:08:17:20 WAS PRETTY MUCH GONE.

148 01:08:17:22 01:08:19:19 TAXES WERE NOT THE ONLY REASON.

149 01:08:19:21 01:08:22:24 IN 1768, THE CROWN HAD SENT  
TWO REGIMENTS OF TROOPS

150 01:08:22:26 01:08:25:14 TO BOSTON TO SUPPORT  
ROYAL OFFICIALS THERE.

151 01:08:25:16 01:08:28:15 BOSTONIANS SAID THE TROOPS  
WERE UNNECESSARY

152 01:08:28:17 01:08:30:05 AND LIKE ALL ENGLISHMEN

153 01:08:30:07 01:08:33:23 DISTRUSTED GOVERNMENTS  
THAT USED STANDING ARMIES

154 01:08:33:25 01:08:35:17 AGAINST THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

155 01:08:35:19 01:08:39:23 FREEMEN, THEY SAID, ARE NOT  
GOVERNED AT THE POINT OF A GUN.

156 01:08:39:25 01:08:42:23 IT SEEMED AS IF THE SOLDIERS  
AND CIVILIANS

157 01:08:42:25 01:08:45:19 WERE ALWAYS SCUFFLING  
WITH EACH OTHER.

158 01:08:45:21 01:08:47:23 FINALLY, ON MARCH 5, 1770

159 01:08:47:25 01:08:50:26 A CONTINGENT OF TROOPS  
FIRED INTO A CROWD

160 01:08:50:28 01:08:52:14 KILLING FIVE PEOPLE.

161 01:08:52:16 01:08:55:23 PAUL REVERE, A LOCAL

SILVERSMITH AND PATRIOT  
 162 01:08:55:25 01:08:58:11 MEMORIALIZED THE BOSTON MASSACRE  
 163 01:08:58:13 01:09:01:28 WITH ONE OF THE MOST  
 FAMOUS PRINTS OF THE ERA.  
 164 01:09:02:00 01:09:06:10 IT SHOWS REDCOATS WILLFULLY  
 SHOOTING UNARMED CIVILIANS.  
 165 01:09:06:12 01:09:09:22 ANOTHER SMOKING GUN  
 PROTRUDES FROM A WINDOW  
 166 01:09:09:24 01:09:11:08 BEHIND THE SOLDIERS  
 167 01:09:11:10 01:09:14:10 IN A BUILDING LABELED  
 "BUTCHER'S HALL."  
 168 01:09:14:12 01:09:18:19 WAS ITS TRIGGER PERHAPS  
 PULLED BY A HATED CUSTOMS MAN?  
 169 01:09:18:21 01:09:21:14 NOWHERE TO BE SEEN  
 ARE THE SNOWBALLS  
 170 01:09:21:16 01:09:23:09 SOME WITH ROCKS INSIDE  
 171 01:09:23:11 01:09:26:08 THAT CROWD MEMBERS  
 THREW AT THE SOLDIERS.  
 172 01:09:26:10 01:09:28:09 NOR IS THERE ANY INDICATION  
 173 01:09:28:11 01:09:31:00 THAT BOSTONIANS  
 PROVOKED THE SOLDIERS  
 174 01:09:31:02 01:09:32:27 BY SHOUTING "FIRE! FIRE!"  
 175 01:09:32:29 01:09:36:00 WHICH THEY THOUGHT  
 THE TROOPS COULD NOT DO  
 176 01:09:36:02 01:09:39:01 WITHOUT THE PERMISSION  
 OF TOWN OFFICIALS.  
 177 01:09:39:03 01:09:42:29 THE PRINT, IN SHORT, GAVE  
 ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STORY.  
 178 01:09:43:01 01:09:46:11 TROUBLE BEGAN AGAIN AFTER  
 PARLIAMENT TRIED TO HELP  
 179 01:09:46:13 01:09:49:19 THE EAST INDIA COMPANY  
 SELL TEA IN THE COLONIES  
 180 01:09:49:21 01:09:52:18 AT A PRICE LOWER THAN  
 THAT OF SMUGGLED TEA.  
 181 01:09:52:20 01:09:55:17 IT REFUSED, HOWEVER,  
 TO REMOVE THE OLD DUTY  
 182 01:09:55:19 01:09:58:04 WHICH, FROM THE  
 COLONISTS' PERSPECTIVE  
 183 01:09:58:06 01:10:01:10 POISONED THE EAST INDIA  
 COMPANY'S CHEAP TEA.  
 184 01:10:01:12 01:10:05:12 AGAIN THEY RESISTED, BUT IN AS  
 PEACEFUL A MANNER AS THEY COULD.  
 185 01:10:05:14 01:10:08:19 COLONISTS IN NEW YORK AND  
 PHILADELPHIA, FOR EXAMPLE  
 186 01:10:08:21 01:10:10:26 CONVINCED THE CAPTAINS  
 OF TEA SHIPS  
 187 01:10:10:28 01:10:14:08 TO TURN AROUND AND TAKE  
 THEIR CARGOES BACK TO ENGLAND  
 188 01:10:14:10 01:10:16:01 WITHOUT PAYING THE TEA TAX.  
 189 01:10:16:03 01:10:19:21 IN BOSTON, HOWEVER, THE TEA  
 SHIPS ENTERED THE HARBOR  
 190 01:10:19:23 01:10:22:01 BEFORE THE OPPOSITION ORGANIZED.  
 191 01:10:22:03 01:10:25:26 TOWNSMEN SPENT THE NEXT  
 20 DAYS TRYING, WITHOUT SUCCESS  
 192 01:10:25:28 01:10:29:17 TO GET CLEARANCES SO  
 THE SHIPS COULD GO BACK TO SEA.

193 01:10:29:19 01:10:33:00 THEN, ON THE NIGHT BEFORE  
 THE TEA COULD BE SEIZED  
 194 01:10:33:02 01:10:34:17 BY THE CUSTOMS SERVICE  
 195 01:10:34:19 01:10:38:12 A GROUP OF MEN DISGUISED  
 AS INDIANS BOARDED THE SHIPS  
 196 01:10:38:14 01:10:42:21 AND EMPTIED 342 CHESTS  
 OF TEA INTO THE WATER.  
 197 01:10:42:23 01:10:46:04 THE PROCEEDINGS WERE  
 AMAZINGLY QUIET  
 198 01:10:46:06 01:10:49:18 EXCEPT FOR THE  
 "PLOOP, PLOOP, PLOOP"  
 199 01:10:49:20 01:10:52:14 OF TEA DROPPING INTO THE SEA.  
 200 01:10:52:16 01:10:56:18 A YOUNG LAWYER FROM THE TOWN  
 OF BRAINTREE NAMED JOHN ADAMS  
 201 01:10:56:20 01:10:57:29 AN OBSCURE COUSIN  
 202 01:10:58:01 01:11:01:06 OF THE BETTER-KNOWN  
 BOSTON LEADER, SAMUEL ADAMS  
 203 01:11:01:08 01:11:05:22 AND BY NO MEANS A LOVER OF MOBS,  
 FOUND THE EVENT "MAGNIFICENT."  
 204 01:11:05:24 01:11:09:07 THE "BOSTON TEA PARTY",  
 AS IT WAS LATER CALLED, WAS:  
 205 01:11:14:10 01:11:17:11 AND WOULD HAVE SUCH IMPORTANT  
 AND LASTING CONSEQUENCES  
 206 01:11:17:13 01:11:18:17 HE SAID:  
 207 01:11:25:17 01:11:28:02 THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
 PROVED HIM RIGHT.  
 208 01:11:28:04 01:11:31:12 IT PUNISHED BOSTON WITH  
 A SERIES OF "COERCIVE ACTS"  
 209 01:11:31:14 01:11:35:08 THAT THE COLONISTS PROMPTLY  
 RENAMED THE "INTOLERABLE ACTS."  
 210 01:11:35:10 01:11:38:16 AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEY  
 CLOSED THE PORT OF BOSTON  
 211 01:11:38:18 01:11:41:01 THROWING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE  
 OUT OF WORK  
 212 01:11:41:03 01:11:43:25 AND CHANGED THE GOVERNMENT  
 OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 213 01:11:43:27 01:11:47:00 SO THE CROWN HAD MORE POWER,  
 THE PEOPLE LESS.  
 214 01:11:47:02 01:11:50:18 THEN BRITAIN PUT MASSACHUSETTS  
 UNDER MILITARY RULE  
 215 01:11:50:20 01:11:54:00 APPOINTING GENERAL THOMAS GAGE  
 AS ROYAL GOVERNOR  
 216 01:11:54:02 01:11:57:02 AND SENDING TROOPS  
 TO ENFORCE HIS AUTHORITY.  
 217 01:11:57:04 01:12:00:10 FROM THERE ON, THE CRISIS  
 GOT WORSE AND WORSE  
 218 01:12:00:12 01:12:02:12 WITHOUT RESPITE.  
 219 01:12:02:14 01:12:07:04 IF BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS  
 COULD BE PUNISHED SO SEVERELY  
 220 01:12:07:06 01:12:11:09 WITHOUT A TRIAL OR ANY CHANCE  
 TO DEFEND THEMSELVES  
 221 01:12:11:11 01:12:14:03 HOW COULD NEW YORK  
 OR PENNSYLVANIA  
 222 01:12:14:05 01:12:16:15 OR SOUTH CAROLINA FEEL SAFE?  
 223 01:12:16:17 01:12:19:08 12 COLONIES,  
 EVERY ONE BUT GEORGIA

224 01:12:19:10 01:12:24:04 SENT DELEGATES TO A CONTINENTAL  
CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA

225 01:12:24:06 01:12:26:18 TO COORDINATE THEIR RESPONSE.

226 01:12:26:20 01:12:29:29 THE CONGRESS PETITIONED  
GEORGE III TO INTERCEDE

227 01:12:30:01 01:12:31:22 ON THE COLONISTS' BEHALF

228 01:12:31:24 01:12:34:07 EMPHASIZING THE  
AMERICANS' LOYALTY.

229 01:12:34:09 01:12:36:13 BUT THE KING DECIDED  
THAT THE COLONIES WERE:

230 01:12:45:07 01:12:47:25 THE BLOWS BEGAN  
ON APRIL 19, 1775

231 01:12:47:27 01:12:51:28 AFTER GENERAL GAGE SENT TROOPS  
TO SEIZE COLONIAL ARMS

232 01:12:52:00 01:12:56:18 STORED AT THE TOWN OF CONCORD,  
SOME 20 MILES OUTSIDE BOSTON.

233 01:12:56:20 01:12:59:16 ON THE WAY,  
THEY WENT THROUGH LEXINGTON

234 01:12:59:18 01:13:02:06 WHERE LOCAL MILITIAMEN  
ON THE TOWN GREEN

235 01:13:02:08 01:13:06:02 BEGAN TO DISPERSE ONCE THEY SAW  
HOW OUTNUMBERED THEY WERE.

236 01:13:06:04 01:13:08:06 SOMEWHERE, SOMEONE FIRED A GUN.

237 01:13:08:08 01:13:10:22 THEN THE REGULARS  
EMPTIED THEIR MUSKETS

238 01:13:10:24 01:13:14:22 INTO THE FLEEING MILITIAMEN,  
KILLING EIGHT AND WOUNDING TEN.

239 01:13:14:24 01:13:18:01 AMOS DOOLITTLE RECALLED  
THE SCENE IN AN ENGRAVING

240 01:13:18:03 01:13:19:25 HE MADE SEVEN MONTHS LATER.

241 01:13:19:27 01:13:23:22 IT IS MUCH LIKE REVERE'S  
*BOSTON MASSACRE.*

242 01:13:23:24 01:13:26:00 AGAIN DOOLITTLE SHOWED  
BRITISH SOLDIERS

243 01:13:26:02 01:13:28:02 WITH THEIR COMMANDER  
URGING THEM ON

244 01:13:28:04 01:13:31:07 SHOOTING INNOCENT COLONISTS.

245 01:13:31:09 01:13:34:24 DOOLITTLE ALSO RECORDED  
THE REGULARS' MARCH TO CONCORD--

246 01:13:34:26 01:13:36:28 AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN  
THE PROVINCIALS AND REGULARS

247 01:13:37:00 01:13:39:05 AT CONCORD'S NORTH BRIDGE

248 01:13:39:07 01:13:42:07 AND PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING  
OF ALL

249 01:13:42:09 01:13:45:06 THE REDCOATS' RETREAT  
BACK TO BOSTON

250 01:13:45:08 01:13:48:26 BURNING HOUSES ALONG THE WAY

251 01:13:48:28 01:13:51:25 WHILE MILITIAMEN FROM  
NEARBY TOWNS SHOT AT THEM.

252 01:13:56:21 01:14:00:08 THE RETREAT FROM CONCORD  
ALMOST FINISHED OFF GAGE'S ARMY.

253 01:14:00:10 01:14:03:14 ONCE THE REMAINING TROOPS  
GOT BACK TO CAMP IN BOSTON

254 01:14:03:16 01:14:06:18 THEY PRETTY MUCH  
HAD TO STAY THERE.

255 01:14:06:20 01:14:09:12 THE PROVINCIAL ARMY THAT FORMED



ACROSS THE RIVER IN CAMBRIDGE

256 01:14:09:14 01:14:10:12 SAW TO THAT.

257 01:14:11:23 01:14:15:08 AN ORDINARY SOLDIER,  
WHOSE NAME IS UNKNOWN

258 01:14:15:10 01:14:18:11 KEPT A JOURNAL OF HIS LIFE  
IN THE AMERICAN ARMY

259 01:14:18:13 01:14:22:06 DURING 1775 AND 1776.

260 01:14:22:08 01:14:24:08 HE HAD SOME TROUBLE DECIDING

261 01:14:24:10 01:14:26:09 JUST WHAT TO CALL  
THE KING'S TROOPS.

262 01:14:26:11 01:14:29:02 HE COULDN'T CALL THEM,  
AS LEGEND HAS IT

263 01:14:29:04 01:14:33:09 "THE BRITISH," SINCE THE  
COLONISTS WERE STILL BRITISH.

264 01:14:33:11 01:14:38:06 HE WROTE OF "THE REGULARS,"  
SOMETIMES OF "THE GAGEITES."

265 01:14:38:08 01:14:41:24 BUT AFTER A WHILE,  
HE FOUND A BETTER NAME--

266 01:14:41:26 01:14:42:24 "THE ENEMY."

267 01:14:44:19 01:14:46:16 WITHIN WEEKS OF LEXINGTON  
AND CONCORD

268 01:14:46:18 01:14:49:11 A SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS  
MET IN PHILADELPHIA.

269 01:14:49:13 01:14:53:06 IT APPOINTED ONE OF ITS MEMBERS

270 01:14:53:08 01:14:55:22 AN UNCOMMONLY TALL,  
DIGNIFIED VIRGINIAN

271 01:14:55:24 01:14:57:17 NAMED GEORGE WASHINGTON

272 01:14:57:19 01:15:00:19 TO TAKE CHARGE OF  
THE ARMY AT CAMBRIDGE.

273 01:15:00:21 01:15:04:02 WASHINGTON HAD  
SOME MILITARY EXPERIENCE--

274 01:15:04:04 01:15:08:21 NONE OF IT ESPECIALLY GLORIOUS,  
AND SOME OF IT DISASTROUS.

275 01:15:08:23 01:15:12:17 EVEN SO, HE HAD SPENT MORE TIME  
AS A MILITARY OFFICER

276 01:15:12:19 01:15:14:21 THAN MOST ANY OF HIS COUNTRYMEN

277 01:15:14:23 01:15:18:24 AND SO, WAS APPALLED AT  
THE DIRTY, DISORDERLY MEN

278 01:15:18:26 01:15:21:16 IN THE AMERICAN CAMP.

279 01:15:21:18 01:15:24:14 WASHINGTON QUICKLY BEGAN  
IMPOSING DISCIPLINE

280 01:15:24:16 01:15:26:17 TRYING DESPERATELY TO TRANSFORM

281 01:15:26:19 01:15:29:28 THAT COLLECTION OF PATRIOTS  
AND ADVENTURE-SEEKERS

282 01:15:30:00 01:15:31:29 INTO A RESPECTABLE ARMY.

283 01:15:34:08 01:15:37:06 MEANWHILE, THE CONGRESS  
RECRUITED MEN AND OFFICERS

284 01:15:37:08 01:15:39:20 AND GATHERED MILITARY SUPPLIES.

285 01:15:39:22 01:15:42:25 IT TOOK CHARGE OF THE POST  
OFFICE AND INDIAN AFFAIRS.

286 01:15:42:27 01:15:45:01 IT ALSO BORROWED MONEY

287 01:15:45:03 01:15:48:14 AND EVENTUALLY ISSUED  
ITS OWN CURRENCY.

288 01:15:48:16 01:15:51:12 IN FACT,  
THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

289 01:15:51:14 01:15:56:01 BECAME THE FIRST GOVERNMENT

OF THE UNITED STATES.  
 290 01:15:56:03 01:15:58:16 IT HAD TO ASSUME THOSE POWERS,  
 IT SEEMED  
 291 01:15:58:18 01:16:02:15 TO PREVENT THE BRITISH  
 FROM CRUSHING THE AMERICANS  
 292 01:16:02:17 01:16:04:09 AND ENDING THEIR DREAM  
 OF FINDING A WAY  
 293 01:16:04:11 01:16:07:13 TO LIVE AS FREE MEN  
 UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.  
 294 01:16:08:29 01:16:13:14 BUT RECONCILIATION WAS BECOMING  
 INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY.  
 295 01:16:13:16 01:16:17:00 THE KING REFUSED TO ANSWER  
 ANOTHER PETITION FROM CONGRESS  
 296 01:16:17:02 01:16:20:18 EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WRITTEN IN  
 A SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTFUL WAY  
 297 01:16:20:20 01:16:23:13 BY OUR OLD FRIEND,  
 JOHN DICKINSON.  
 298 01:16:23:15 01:16:25:22 THE COLONISTS' STATEMENTS  
 OF LOYALTY  
 299 01:16:25:24 01:16:29:03 THE KING TOLD PARLIAMENT,  
 WERE MEANT "ONLY TO AMUSE"  
 300 01:16:29:05 01:16:33:06 WHILE THEY SCHEMED TO FOUND  
 AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.  
 301 01:16:33:08 01:16:38:16 WASN'T THE CONGRESS SEIZING  
 ONE POWER AFTER ANOTHER?  
 302 01:16:38:18 01:16:45:18 THEN, IN THE OPENING WEEKS OF  
 1776, *COMMON SENSE* APPEARED.  
 303 01:16:45:20 01:16:48:08 THAT PAMPHLET WAS THE WORK  
 OF THOMAS PAINE--  
 304 01:16:48:10 01:16:50:26 AN ENGLISHMAN OF  
 NO PARTICULAR DISTINCTION  
 305 01:16:50:28 01:16:52:18 AND LITTLE FORMAL EDUCATION  
 306 01:16:52:20 01:16:55:12 A MAN WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED  
 AS A CORSETMAKER  
 307 01:16:55:14 01:16:58:07 AND DISMISSED FROM  
 THE ENGLISH CUSTOMS SERVICE  
 308 01:16:58:09 01:16:59:28 BEFORE ARRIVING IN AMERICA  
 309 01:17:00:02 01:17:03:25 LESS THAN TWO YEARS  
 BEFORE HE WROTE *COMMON SENSE*.  
 310 01:17:03:27 01:17:06:20 WITH LANGUAGE THAT SPOKE  
 TO ORDINARY PEOPLE  
 311 01:17:06:22 01:17:12:23 IT SAID WHAT SO MANY NATIVE-BORN  
 COLONISTS WERE AFRAID TO SAY--  
 312 01:17:12:25 01:17:17:27 THE TIME HAD COME FOR AMERICA  
 TO GO HER SEPARATE WAY.  
 313 01:17:17:29 01:17:20:25 THE PROBLEM WASN'T THE MINISTERS  
 OR THE PARLIAMENT  
 314 01:17:20:27 01:17:22:20 OR EVEN GEORGE III AS A PERSON  
 315 01:17:22:22 01:17:27:15 ALTHOUGH PAINE DID CALL HIM  
 "THE ROYAL BRUTE OF BRITAIN."  
 316 01:17:27:17 01:17:31:26 IT WAS THE "SO MUCH BOASTED  
 CONSTITUTION OF ENGLAND."  
 317 01:17:31:28 01:17:34:02 THE BRITISH SYSTEM  
 OF GOVERNMENT, PAINE ARGUED  
 318 01:17:34:04 01:17:38:26 HAD TWO DEADLY FLAWS--  
 MONARCHY AND HEREDITARY RULE.

319 01:17:38:28 01:17:40:29 ONLY BY GOVERNING THEMSELVES  
 320 01:17:41:01 01:17:43:17 COULD AMERICANS  
 SECURE THEIR FREEDOM  
 321 01:17:43:19 01:17:48:20 AND REALIZE THE PEACE  
 THAT THEY SO DEEPLY DESIRED.  
 322 01:17:48:22 01:17:51:24 *COMMON SENSE* SPREAD THROUGH  
 THE COLONIES LIKE WILDFIRE  
 323 01:17:51:26 01:17:54:28 OPENING AMONG THE PEOPLE  
 A DEBATE OVER INDEPENDENCE  
 324 01:17:55:00 01:17:58:08 THAT WAS ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY  
 AMONG CONGRESSMEN.  
 325 01:17:59:26 01:18:03:03 AND YET, WHEN THEY LOOKED BACK  
 OVER THE PREVIOUS DECADE  
 326 01:18:03:05 01:18:07:17 THE COLONISTS WONDERED AT  
 THE ROAD THEY HAD TRAVELED.  
 327 01:18:07:19 01:18:11:18 HOW, THE FREEMEN  
 OF VIRGINIA'S BUCKINGHAM COUNTY  
 328 01:18:11:20 01:18:13:29 ASKED IN THE SPRING OF 1776  
 329 01:18:14:01 01:18:19:09 HAD BRITAIN AND AMERICA BECOME  
 SO INCENSED WITH EACH OTHER?  
 330 01:18:19:11 01:18:20:23 THE BRITISH SAW EVERYTHING  
 331 01:18:20:25 01:18:23:02 THE COLONISTS DID  
 TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS  
 332 01:18:23:04 01:18:25:08 AS A GREAT OUTRAGE.  
 333 01:18:25:10 01:18:30:03 STEP BY STEP, MUTUAL CONFIDENCE  
 AND AFFECTION HAD SLIPPED AWAY  
 334 01:18:30:05 01:18:33:08 UNTIL THEY WERE BEYOND ALL HOPE  
 OF RECOVERY.  
 335 01:18:33:10 01:18:35:08 AS A RESULT, BUCKINGHAM COUNTY  
 336 01:18:35:10 01:18:40:11 CALLED FOR A TOTAL AND FINAL  
 SEPARATION FROM GREAT BRITAIN.  
 337 01:18:40:13 01:18:43:12 THEN, PERHAPS,  
 "SOME FOREIGN POWER MAY  
 338 01:18:43:14 01:18:47:06 FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST,  
 LEND AN ASSISTING HAND."  
 339 01:18:47:08 01:18:50:04 THAT BECAME IMPERATIVE  
 ONCE THE COLONISTS LEARNED  
 340 01:18:50:06 01:18:52:18 THAT GEORGE III HAD HIRED  
 GERMAN SOLDIERS  
 341 01:18:52:20 01:18:55:13 TO HELP PUT DOWN  
 THEIR "REBELLION."  
 342 01:18:55:15 01:18:58:29 UNLESS THE COLONISTS  
 ALSO GOT OUTSIDE SUPPORT  
 343 01:18:59:01 01:19:01:22 THEY WOULD SURELY BE DESTROYED.  
 344 01:19:01:24 01:19:03:14 IT WAS DO OR DIE.  
 345 01:19:05:28 01:19:08:00 NOT EVERYONE AGREED.  
 346 01:19:08:02 01:19:10:12 IN THE END, ABOUT  
 A FIFTH OF ALL COLONISTS  
 347 01:19:10:14 01:19:13:06 REMAINED LOYAL TO BRITAIN.  
 348 01:19:13:08 01:19:16:03 NONETHELESS, ON JULY 2, 1776  
 349 01:19:16:05 01:19:19:09 12 COLONIES APPROVED  
 A RESOLUTION:  
 350 01:19:40:03 01:19:43:19 A WEEK LATER, NEW YORK MADE  
 THE DECISION UNANIMOUS.  
 351 01:19:45:09 01:19:47:01 AFTER APPROVING INDEPENDENCE  
 352 01:19:47:03 01:19:50:11 CONGRESS SPENT TWO DAYS

353 01:19:50:13 EDITING A DRAFT DECLARATION  
 01:19:53:03 SUBMITTED BY A COMMITTEE  
 AND ITS DRAFTSMAN  
 354 01:19:53:05 01:19:57:26 A 33-YEAR-OLD VIRGINIAN  
 NAMED THOMAS JEFFERSON.  
 355 01:19:57:28 01:20:01:17 JEFFERSON'S REPUTATION  
 AS AN ELOQUENT WRITER  
 356 01:20:01:19 01:20:06:00 PRECEDED HIS APPEARANCE  
 IN CONGRESS A YEAR EARLIER.  
 357 01:20:06:02 01:20:09:04 NOW, AS THE DELEGATES  
 HACKED AWAY AT HIS PROSE  
 358 01:20:09:06 01:20:11:23 CHANGING WORDS,  
 CUTTING LARGE PASSAGES  
 359 01:20:11:25 01:20:14:07 REWRITING MUCH OF  
 THE LAST PARAGRAPH  
 360 01:20:14:09 01:20:18:00 JEFFERSON SUFFERED VISIBLY.  
 361 01:20:18:02 01:20:20:07 LATER, HE COMPLAINED BITTERLY  
 THAT THE DELEGATES  
 362 01:20:20:09 01:20:22:21 HAD MUTILATED HIS TEXT.  
 363 01:20:24:09 01:20:27:05 ON JULY 4, THE DELEGATES  
 FINISHED THEIR EDITORIAL WORK  
 364 01:20:27:07 01:20:29:29 AND ORDERED THE DECLARATION  
 PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED  
 365 01:20:30:01 01:20:32:11 SO IT COULD BE READ  
 "AT THE HEAD OF THE ARMY"  
 366 01:20:32:13 01:20:35:01 AND "PROCLAIMED"  
 THROUGHOUT THE LAND.  
 367 01:20:35:03 01:20:38:27 IN THAT WAY, THE PEOPLE LEARNED  
 THAT A NEW NATION  
 368 01:20:38:29 01:20:40:12 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 369 01:20:40:14 01:20:44:16 HAD ASSUMED A  
 "SEPARATE AND EQUAL STATION"  
 370 01:20:44:18 01:20:47:03 AMONG THE "POWERS OF THE EARTH."  
 371 01:20:47:05 01:20:50:20 THEY CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE  
 BY SHOUTING "HUZZAH"  
 372 01:20:50:22 01:20:52:01 SHOOTING OFF CANONS  
 373 01:20:52:03 01:20:55:00 AND WATCHING  
 MILITIA COMPANIES PARADE.  
 374 01:20:55:02 01:20:57:29 CROWDS TORE DOWN  
 OR DESTROYED SYMBOLS OF ROYALTY  
 375 01:20:58:01 01:21:01:04 ON TAVERNS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.  
 376 01:21:01:06 01:21:04:24 IN NEW YORK, PEOPLE PULLED  
 A BRONZE STATUE OF GEORGE III  
 377 01:21:04:26 01:21:07:26 FROM ITS PEDESTAL  
 AND SENT IT OFF TO CONNECTICUT  
 378 01:21:07:28 01:21:10:22 WHERE PATRIOTIC WOMEN  
 MELTED THE STATUE DOWN  
 379 01:21:10:24 01:21:13:18 AND USED THE METAL  
 TO MAKE BULLETS.  
 380 01:21:15:20 01:21:19:16 WHEN AMERICANS OF 1776 CITED  
 THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
 381 01:21:19:18 01:21:21:16 THEY QUOTED THE LAST PARAGRAPH  
 382 01:21:21:18 01:21:24:01 THE ONE IN WHICH  
 CONGRESS DECLARED  
 383 01:21:24:03 01:21:27:13 THAT "THESE UNITED COLONIES ARE,  
 AND OF RIGHT OUGHT TO BE

384 01:21:27:15 01:21:29:19 FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES."  
 385 01:21:29:21 01:21:31:00 LITTLE ATTENTION--  
 386 01:21:31:02 01:21:33:22 INDEED, SO FAR AS I CAN TELL,  
 NONE AT ALL--  
 387 01:21:33:24 01:21:37:20 WAS GIVEN TO THE DOCUMENT'S  
 SECOND PARAGRAPH, WHICH BEGAN:  
 388 01:21:37:22 01:21:40:14 "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS  
 TO BE SELF-EVIDENT;  
 389 01:21:40:16 01:21:42:24 THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL."  
 390 01:21:44:00 01:21:45:20 THOSE IDEAS WERE EXPRESSED  
 391 01:21:45:22 01:21:47:27 IN MANY OTHER  
 CONTEMPORARY WRITINGS  
 392 01:21:47:29 01:21:53:02 BUT ONLY THE DECLARATION  
 ANNOUNCED AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE  
 393 01:21:53:04 01:21:56:13 AND THAT WAS THE NEWS IN 1776.  
 394 01:21:59:07 01:22:01:00 TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE  
 WAS ONE THING--  
 395 01:22:01:02 01:22:03:01 TO WIN IT WAS ANOTHER.  
 396 01:22:03:03 01:22:05:16 WHILE CONGRESS WHITTLED AWAY  
 AT JEFFERSON'S PROSE  
 397 01:22:05:18 01:22:07:23 A MASSIVE BRITISH FLEET  
 ARRIVED AT NEW YORK.  
 398 01:22:07:25 01:22:09:20 AFTER EVACUATING BOSTON  
 399 01:22:09:22 01:22:14:29 THE BRITISH HAD ASSEMBLED ONE OF  
 THE LARGEST SEA AND LAND FORCES  
 400 01:22:15:01 01:22:17:04 EVER SEEN IN NORTH AMERICA  
 401 01:22:17:06 01:22:21:29 TO END THIS PESKY COLONIAL  
 REBELLION, ONCE AND FOR ALL.  
 402 01:22:22:01 01:22:23:29 THEY ALMOST SUCCEEDED.  
 403 01:22:24:01 01:22:26:20 IN 1776, THE AMERICAN ARMY  
 404 01:22:26:22 01:22:30:01 SUFFERED ONE DEFEAT  
 AFTER ANOTHER.  
 405 01:22:30:03 01:22:32:17 WASHINGTON BROKE  
 THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL  
 406 01:22:32:19 01:22:35:05 WITH SMALL  
 BUT SIGNIFICANT VICTORIES  
 407 01:22:35:07 01:22:37:21 AT TRENTON AND PRINCETON,  
 NEW JERSEY  
 408 01:22:37:23 01:22:41:00 IN LATE DECEMBER  
 AND EARLY JANUARY.  
 409 01:22:41:02 01:22:45:01 BY THEN, HE HAD CONVINCED  
 CONGRESS THAT THE AMERICAN CAUSE  
 410 01:22:45:03 01:22:47:14 COULD NOT DEPEND  
 ON LOCAL MILITIAMEN  
 411 01:22:47:16 01:22:50:02 WHO WOULD SERVE  
 ONLY FOR SHORT PERIODS  
 412 01:22:50:04 01:22:53:20 AND PREFERRED TO REMAIN  
 NEAR THEIR HOMES.  
 413 01:22:53:22 01:22:57:11 IT NEEDED AN ARMY OF  
 TRAINED SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS  
 414 01:22:57:13 01:23:00:26 WILLING TO SIGN UP  
 FOR LONG TERMS OF SERVICE  
 415 01:23:00:28 01:23:03:08 IN RETURN FOR CONCRETE REWARDS  
 416 01:23:03:10 01:23:06:05 INCLUDING BOUNTIES,  
 RESPECTABLE PAY  
 417 01:23:06:07 01:23:09:28 AND A PROMISE OF LAND

418 01:23:10:00 AT THE WAR'S END.  
 01:23:13:20 THEREAFTER, THE AMERICAN CAUSE  
 WAS PRIMARILY DEFENDED  
 419 01:23:13:22 01:23:16:25 NOT BY MEN DEFENDING  
 THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES  
 420 01:23:16:27 01:23:19:04 AS AT LEXINGTON AND CONCORD  
 421 01:23:19:06 01:23:23:10 BUT BY YOUNG, SINGLE MEN--  
 BOTH WHITE AND BLACK--  
 422 01:23:23:12 01:23:25:07 WITH LITTLE IF ANY PROPERTY.  
 423 01:23:27:02 01:23:29:26 MILITIAMEN SOMETIMES  
 SUPPORTED THE CONTINENTAL ARMY  
 424 01:23:29:28 01:23:31:07 AS AT SARATOGA, NEW YORK  
 425 01:23:31:09 01:23:33:22 WHERE THEY GATHERED FROM  
 ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND  
 426 01:23:33:24 01:23:37:00 TO STOP AN INVASION FROM CANADA  
 UNDER THE BRITISH GENERAL  
 427 01:23:37:02 01:23:42:01 "GENTLEMAN JOHNNY" BURGOYNE  
 IN OCTOBER, 1777.  
 428 01:23:42:03 01:23:45:28 THE VICTORY AT SARATOGA  
 GAVE THE SIGNAL FOR FRANCE  
 429 01:23:46:00 01:23:50:21 WHICH WAS HESITANT TO JOIN THE  
 UNITED STATES IN A LOSING WAR  
 430 01:23:50:23 01:23:53:28 TO NEGOTIATE AN ALLIANCE  
 WITH THE AMERICANS.  
 431 01:23:54:00 01:23:56:14 THAT TIPPED THE ODDS  
 AGAINST BRITAIN.  
 432 01:23:58:01 01:24:02:03 THEREAFTER, BRITAIN CONCENTRATED  
 ITS ATTENTION ON THE SOUTH  
 433 01:24:02:05 01:24:06:18 WHERE IT SET OFF A BRITISH,  
 BLOODY CIVIL WAR.  
 434 01:24:06:20 01:24:10:26 FINALLY, THE BRITISH COMMANDER,  
 LORD CHARLES CORNWALLIS  
 435 01:24:10:28 01:24:14:19 TURNED EAST AND SETTLED IN  
 AT YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA  
 436 01:24:14:21 01:24:16:10 ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY  
 437 01:24:16:12 01:24:20:10 WAITING FOR SUPPLIES  
 AND REINFORCEMENTS.  
 438 01:24:20:12 01:24:22:13 WASHINGTON AND A LARGE BODY  
 OF FRENCH TROOPS  
 439 01:24:22:15 01:24:23:25 MOVED IN AND MOUNTED A SIEGE  
 440 01:24:23:27 01:24:25:28 WHILE THE FRENCH FLEET  
 PREVENTED THE BRITISH  
 441 01:24:26:00 01:24:27:18 FROM RESCUING CORNWALLIS.  
 442 01:24:28:28 01:24:33:23 ON OCTOBER 18,  
 SOME THREE YEARS AFTER SARATOGA  
 443 01:24:33:25 01:24:36:20 CORNWALLIS SURRENDERED.  
 444 01:24:36:22 01:24:38:27 WHEN THE BRITISH MINISTER  
 LEARNED THE NEWS  
 445 01:24:38:29 01:24:42:21 HE EXCLAIMED,  
 "OH GOD, IT'S ALL OVER."  
 446 01:24:44:19 01:24:48:29 AND SO ANOTHER GROUP OF  
 NEGOTIATORS GATHERED IN PARIS.  
 447 01:24:49:01 01:24:53:02 THE AMERICANS, INCLUDING  
 THE WILY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
 448 01:24:53:04 01:24:58:19 AND HONEST JOHN ADAMS, WON  
 EXTRAORDINARILY FAVORABLE TERMS.

449 01:24:58:21 01:25:00:19 THE TRANS-APPALACHIAN WEST  
450 01:25:00:21 01:25:02:27 BECAME PART OF  
THE UNITED STATES  
451 01:25:02:29 01:25:04:19 ALONG WITH ALL THE LAND  
452 01:25:04:21 01:25:09:08 BETWEEN CANADA AND  
THE NORTHERN BORDER OF FLORIDA  
453 01:25:09:10 01:25:12:02 AND BRITAIN RECOGNIZED  
THE UNITED STATES  
454 01:25:12:04 01:25:14:02 AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION.  
455 01:25:15:22 01:25:23:18 NOT 1763, BUT 1776 TURNED OUT  
TO MARK THE GREAT WATERSHED  
456 01:25:23:20 01:25:26:07 IN AMERICAN HISTORY.  
457 01:25:26:09 01:25:28:17 HOW WOULD LIFE BE DIFFERENT  
458 01:25:28:19 01:25:31:22 ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THAT GREAT DIVIDE?  
459 01:25:31:24 01:25:37:03 NOW AT LEAST, THE AMERICANS  
COULD DECIDE THAT THEMSELVES.