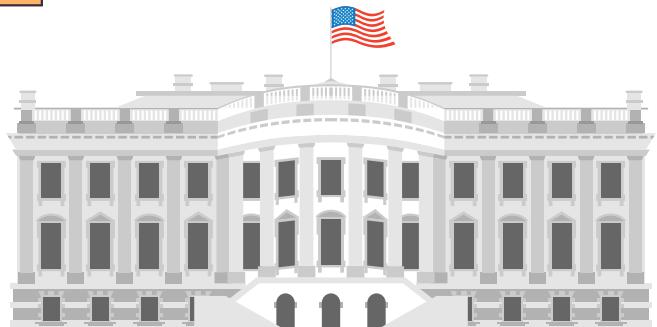
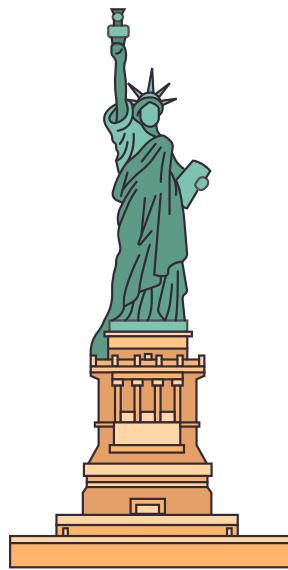
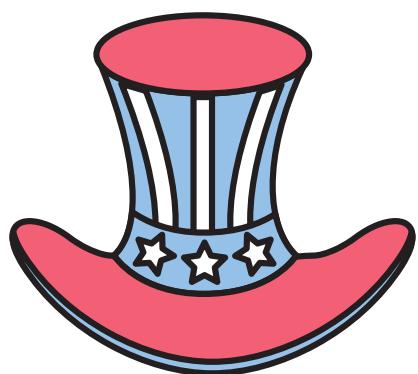
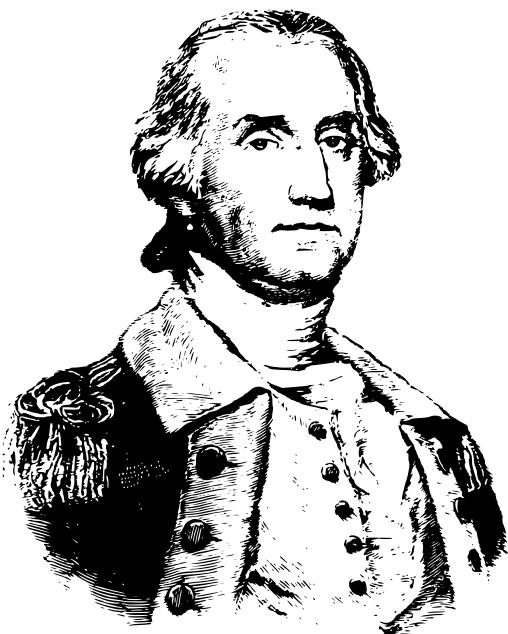
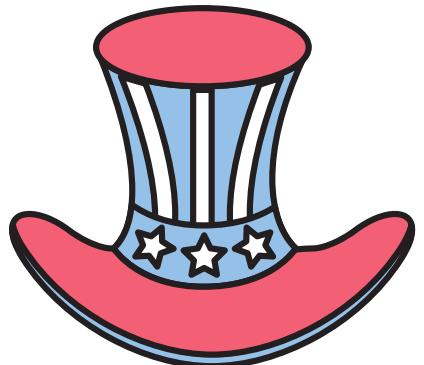


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## PRIMARY SOURCES

- these are created during major historical events
- they are evidence of a time or place in history
- paintings, letters, newspaper articles and pictures are all primary sources
- we use primary sources to learn more about our past

### 1 THE DECLARATION OF

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### 2 THE US CONSTITUTION

### 3 THE US FLAG

### 4 THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

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# Match the Word to the Correct Picture

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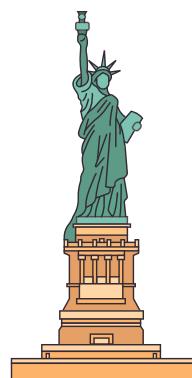
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**Declaration of Independence**



**United States Constitution**



**Statue of Liberty**



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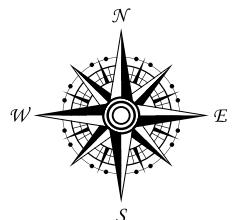
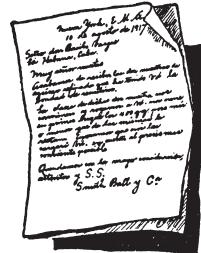
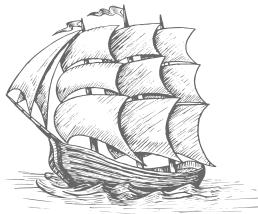
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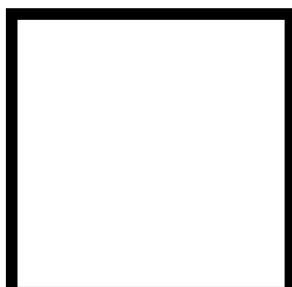
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Circle the pictures that we can use as primary sources.



How many MAJOR primary sources for American History?.



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A king is a ruler that has power because he was related to the previous king or queen. He does not have to listen to his people. He makes rules and laws that he decided. America has never had a king. The president we have now is very much like a king however, and we must pray for him and for our country.

A president is elected by the people of his country. He is voted in to presidency by the majority vote. He must listen to what the people of his country say. He is not allowed to make rules or laws that are unpopular. The people of the country must always remember that they are in power, not the president. The president is simply the representative of the citizens of the country.

Here are some of the best presidents we have ever had. Most of them served a long time ago. Time has passed and many of the morals and rules that are God like are lost. We must remember the laws that the orginial presidents stood for and put God first in our Country again

**IN GOD WE TRUST**



Abraham Lincoln



George Washington



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Harry S. Truman



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Thomas Jefferson

# The Original 13 Colonies

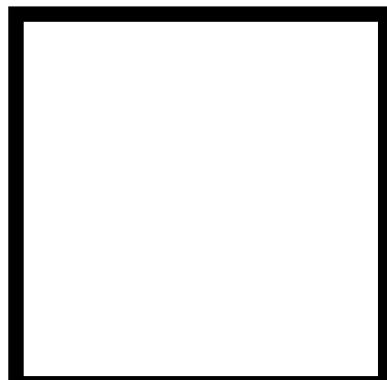
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Colonists had to follow British Laws.

They paid expensive taxes for British goods.

Some colonists thought the laws and taxes were unfair.

They met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is shaded red on the map below.



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Great Britain controlled how many US colonies?

How did the colonists feel about the laws and taxes from Great Britain? Fair or Unfair

Were the taxes expensive  
or not expensive? \_\_\_\_\_

# First Continental Congress

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While they were in Philadelphia, they discussed the laws.

The date was September, 1774.

This group was known as The First Continental Congress.



Members of this group did NOT want to start a war with Great Britain.

They did not seek independence.

Instead, they wanted to change the laws and lower the taxes. They decided to protest by not buying British goods.

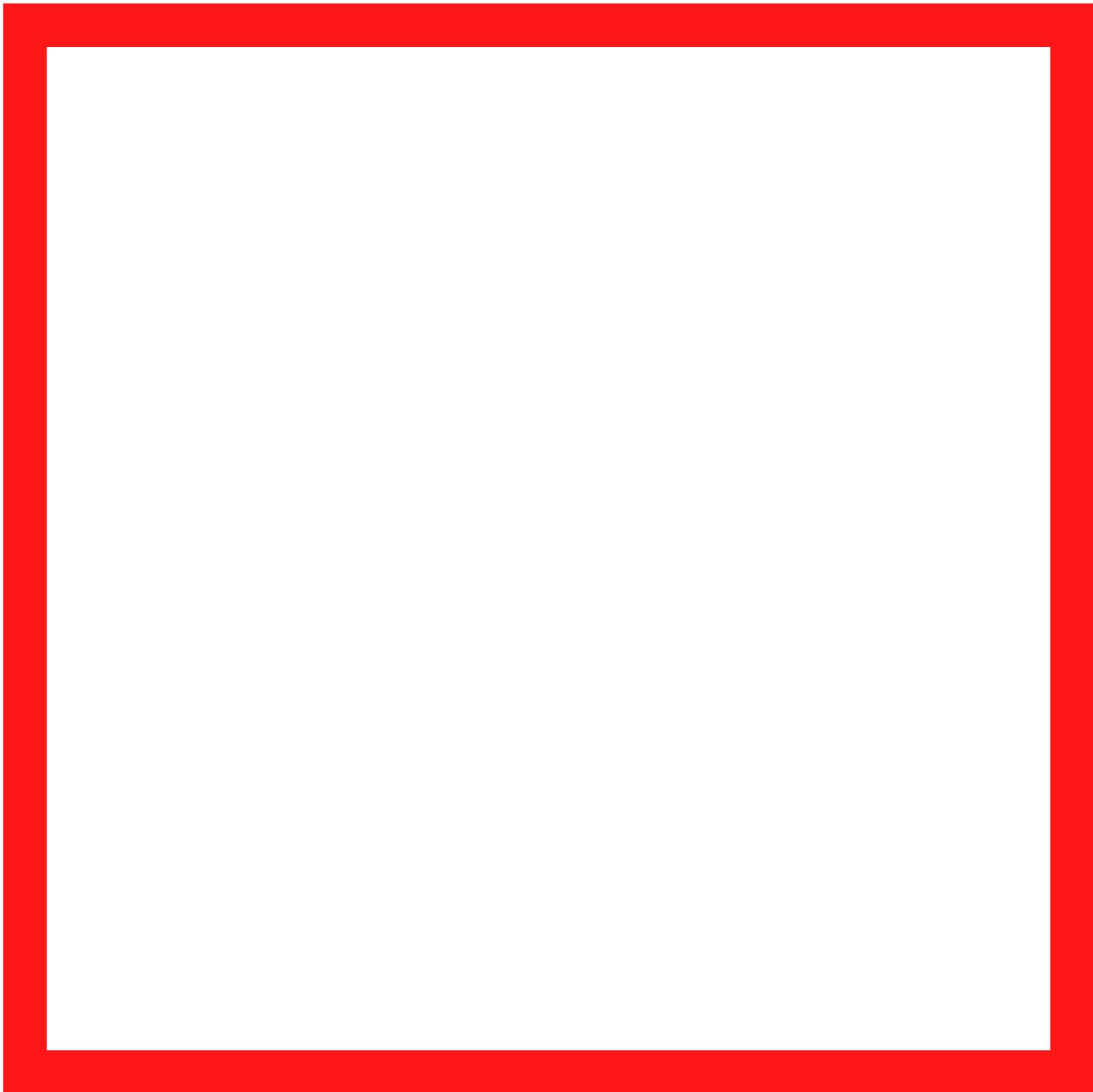
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**Protest** - a statement or action expressing disapproval of or objection to something. We protest by not wearing masks.

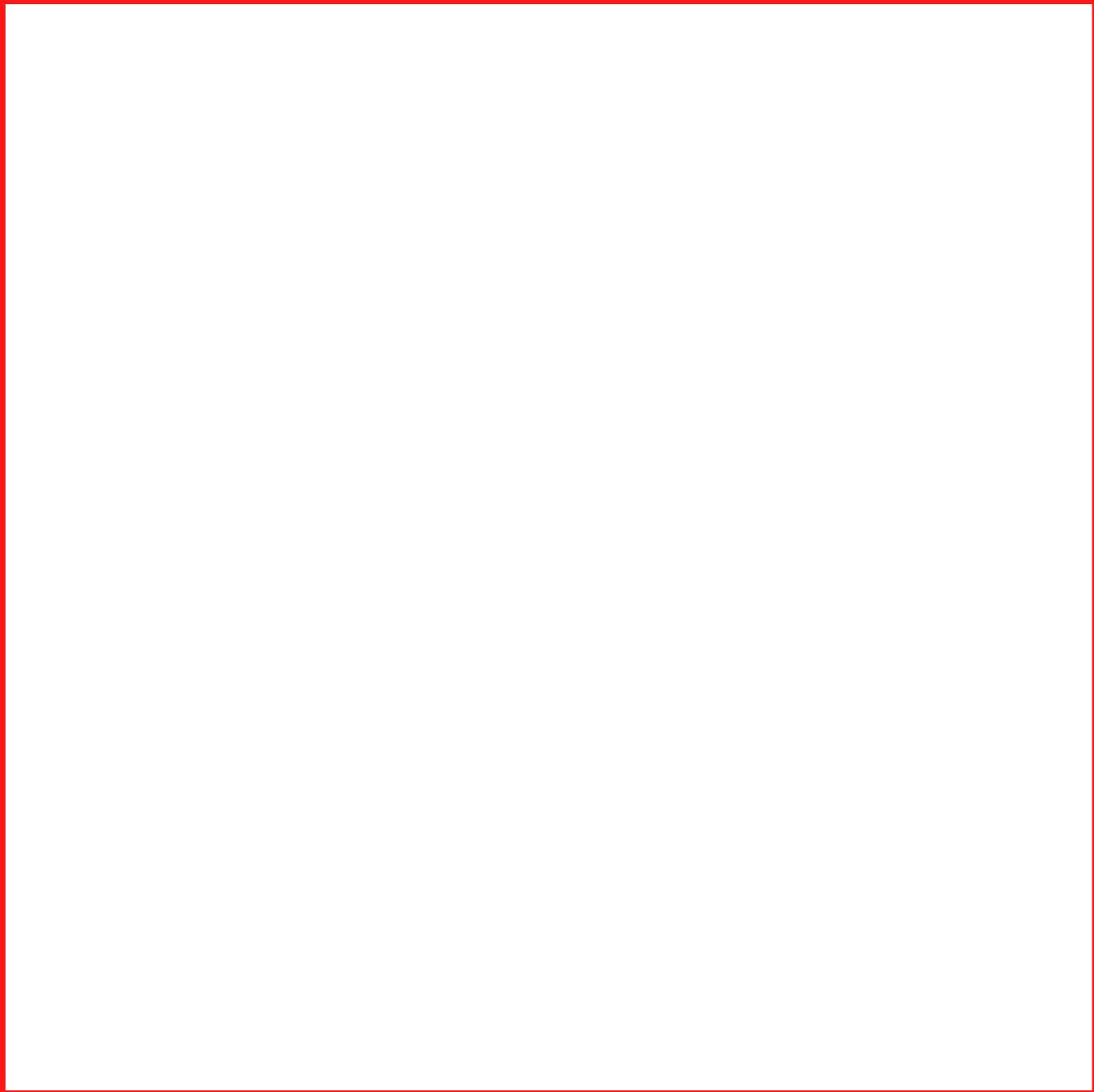
**Goods** - merchandise or possessions - if you go to a store, you can buy goods.

**Independence** - freedom from outside control or support : the state of being independent: the time when a country or region gains political freedom from outside control.

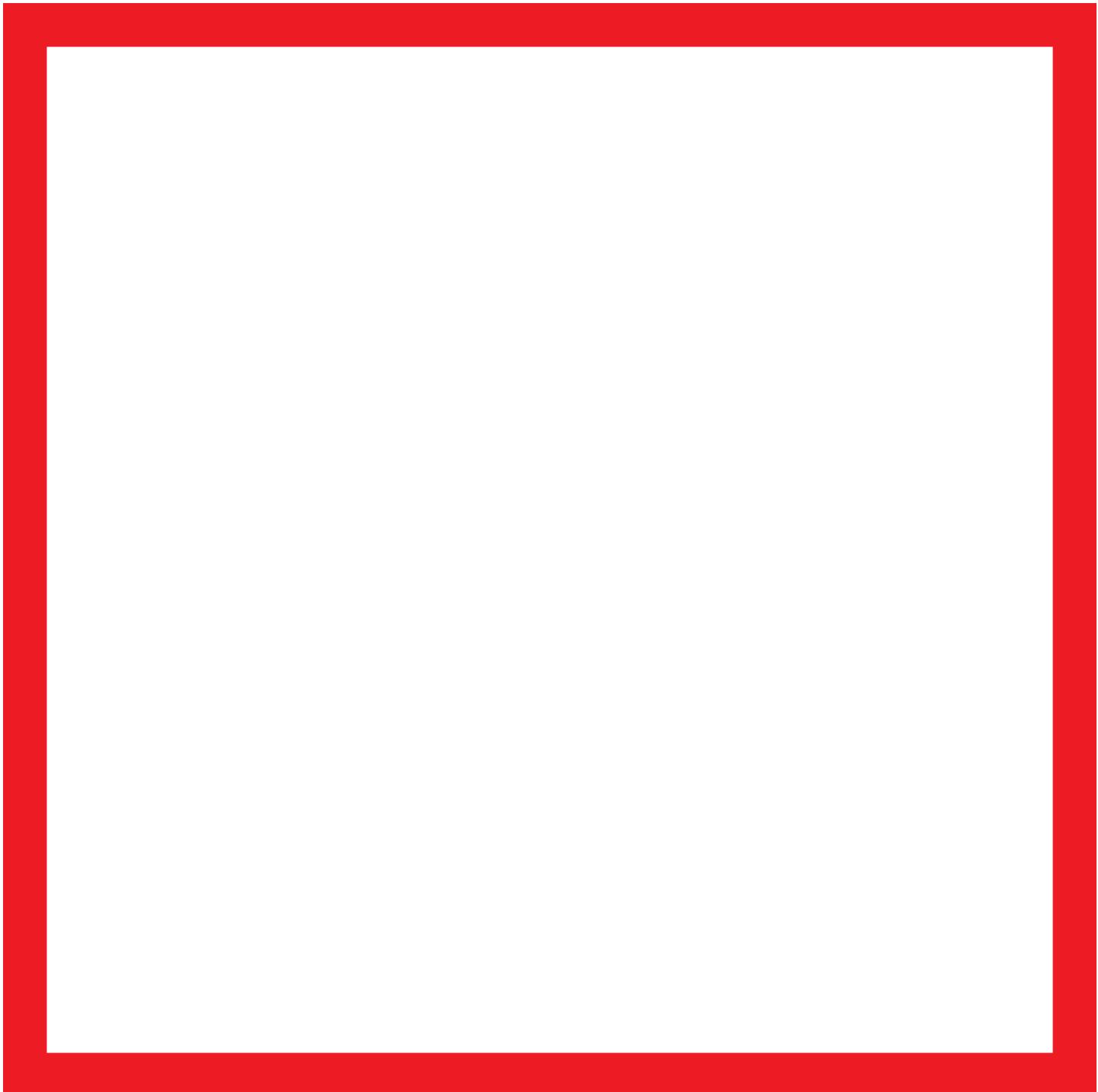
# Draw a picture of Protest



# Draw a picture of Goods



# **Draw how Independence Makes you Feel**



# At the First Continental Congress

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Because the Colonists were unhappy, they wrote a letter to the king of Great Britain. His name was King George III. The letter explained why they were upset.

Why were the Colonists upset?

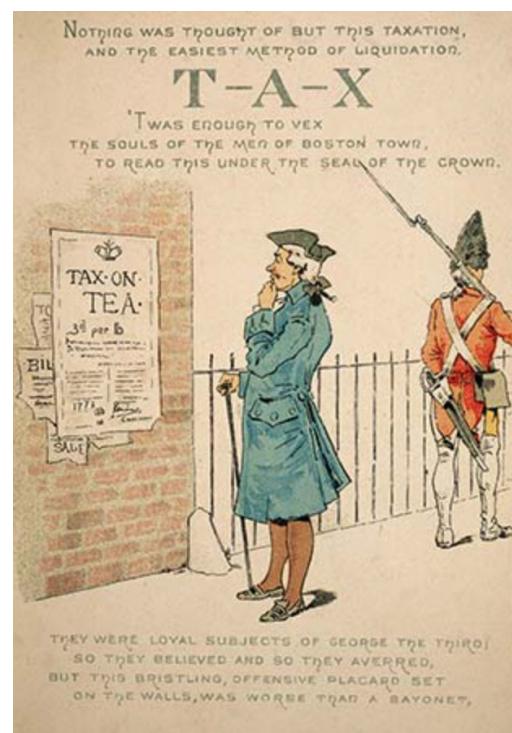
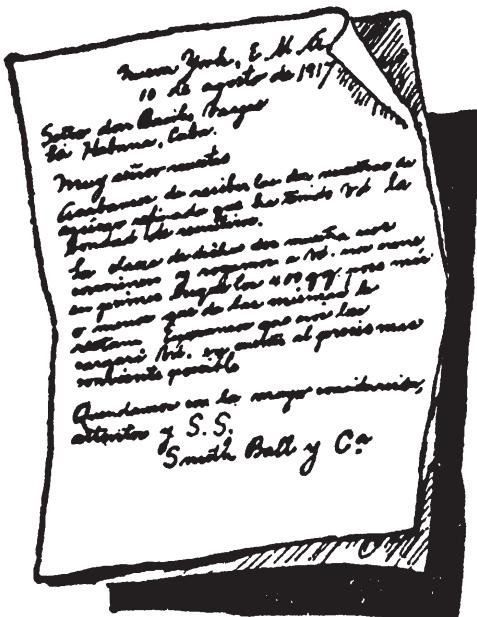
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The letter asked the King if he would get rid of the unfair laws



# A Shot Heard 'Round the World

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Just like in Bible times, when the people that are blessed by God turn away from Him and stop worshiping Him, He becomes very sad and takes away His protection. This is not a good thing

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## Questions:

Did King George agree to the requests of the colonists?

YES, NO

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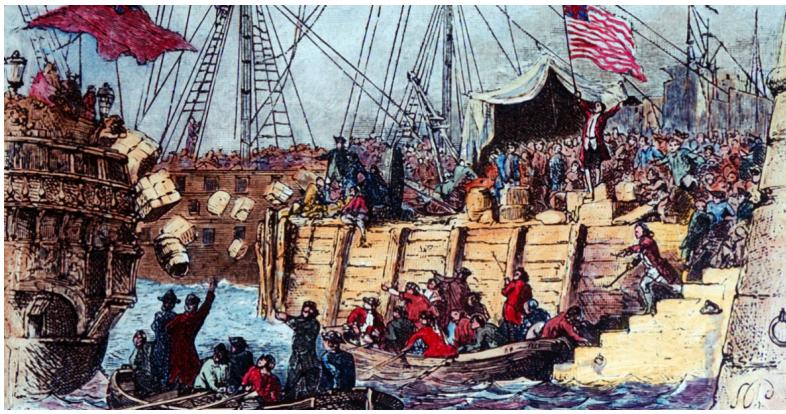
Now you might think that there was a really big tea party, thousands of people dressed really nice and enjoying tea from pretty cups, but this is not the case. The Boston Tea Party is a very important part of American History.

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# December 16, 1773



Draw a picture of what you think the ocean looked like after all the chests of tea were dumped into the water.

