

British Parliament and Colonists Disagree

As a result of the French and Indian War, the **British Parliament** (Great Britain's government) was in debt and wanted the colonists to help pay for the war. To pay off this debt, Parliament passed many new laws. One of the most hated of these laws was the Stamp Act, which made the **colonists**, the British that settled in America, not the British living in Great Britain, pay a tax for newspapers, playing cards, legal documents, calendars, and pamphlets, by placing a special stamp on each of the items that they paid for. This caused conflict between the colonists and the British.

They disagreed over how the colonies should be governed or ruled. First, Parliament believed it had legal authority in the colonies, while the colonists believed their **local assemblies**, or local government, had legal authority. Second, Parliament also believed it had the right to tax the colonies, while the colonists believed they should not be taxed since they had no representation in Parliament. This caused the colonists to become furious with Great Britain.

Playing cards

Contract

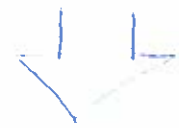
The Seven Years

1754	1755	1756	1757	1758	1759
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Stamp Act

Stamp Act (tax on printed goods) → Angry Colonists!

French and Indian War



Britain is in debt



Parliament taxed the colonists (Stamp Act)


Parliament

Colonists

We govern the colonies



Our local assemblies govern us!



Since it's owned by the King, we have the right to tax the colonies.

We have no representation in Parliament!

And we will!



WE WON'T PAY TAXES!



1763-1764

1765-1766