

British Colonial Problems

Seven Years War



British Financial & Military Problems

major debts from war
desire to increase military presence in American colonies
desire to increase rate of taxation in American colonies



Stamp Act & Townshend duties

increases on the amount of taxes, and on the colonial government that would be enforcing payment of these taxes



Colonial Response

Stamp Act Congress; Boston Tea Party;
eventually, Revolutionary War

Spanish Colonial Problems

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Spanish Financial & Military Problems



Bourbon Reforms



Colonial Response

Tupac Amaru rebellion (1780-83)

Comunero Revolt (1781)

Quito rebellion (1765)

French Colonial Problems

Seven Years War

Lost War to Britain, and Lost Canada

This motivated them to seek revenge by helping the American colonies rebel from Britain in the 1770s & 1780s



French Financial & Military Problems

major debts from helping American rebels



Attempts to increase taxes collected by French government from French aristocracy

Aristocracy refused to accept tax increases, or a more equal role in government for common people



Response of French People

French commoners (95% of the population) rebelled in the French Revolution
French monarchy only restored after 20+ years of fighting, after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo in 1815