**Paying for the War**

-the French & Indian War increased British national debt by $350,000,000

-the war benefited the colonies

-the British kept as standing army of 10,000 to keep the peace

-the British taxed the colonies to help pay the bill

**Taxes**

-Stamp Act: required a stamp for all public documents

-American colonists boycotted British goods

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-British repealed the Stamp Act

-Townsend Acts? --tax on items such as….

*-*the British repealed all except the tax on tea

-colonists protested the Tea Act

**Why did colonists react so strongly?**

-made w/o colonial input

-did not have members in Parliament

-had gotten used to making their own decisions

-didn’t like taxes

**British viewpoint**

-colonial taxes were actually lower than mainland British taxes

-American colonies benefited most from the war  
-other British colonies (India) made a profit for the British government