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 -British repealed the Stamp Act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 *-*the British repealed all except the tax on tea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