

Causes of the American Revolution Children's Storybook Project

I. Description: Many people do not understand the series of events that led to the start of the American Revolution. Your job is to create an informative storybook about the causes of the American Revolution to be explained to children about 8-10 years old. You will describe and illustrate the storybook using important events that led up to the war.

It is important to describe the events in your own words, and you should have 4-5 sentences for each page. Utilize your time wisely as you will only have so much time to work on this project in class.

II. Components of the Storybook:

- One cover page with your name, an illustration, and creative title
- Eight pages of information and illustrations (see below)
- One conclusion page that introduces the American Revolution
- One works cited page- in MLA format with a minimum of 3 sources (Minus five points from total grade if NOT in MLA format. Minus 50% of total grade if there is no works cited)
- Eleven total pages

Remember 4-5 sentences. Make sure it gets right to the point. The book should make sense to an 8-10 year old.

- Each description should accurately describe each event and use two out of the three required important vocabulary/people. The best storybooks will connect these events rather than describe them separately. Your illustrations should be of original artwork (try your best...)
- You will be reading these books to the class!
- You may work with one other person on this project.

III. Important Events:

1. French and Indian War (1754-1763)
2. Sugar Act (1764)
3. "No Taxation without Representation"
4. Stamp Act (1765)
5. Boston Massacre (1770)
6. Boston Tea Party (1773)
7. First Continental Congress (1774)
8. Battle of Lexington and Concord (1775)

*All descriptions should be in your own words, not the textbook's, internet's, or Miss Goad's words.

Use this rubric as you complete your Storybook - make sure to read each requirement carefully!!!

Name(s) _____

Events	Points	Comments
Cover - does cover include illustration, name(s), and creative title?	____/3	
1. French and Indian War - Important terms/people to include: Ohio River Valley, George Washington, Proclamation of 1763	____/8	
2. Sugar Act - Important terms/people to include: King George III, smugglers, war debt	____/8	
3. "No Taxation without Representation" - Important terms/people to include: Samuel Adams, Committee of Correspondence, boycott	____/8	
4. Stamp Act - Important terms/people to include: Sons of Liberty, Stamp Act Congress, Declaratory Act	____/8	
5. Boston Massacre - Important terms/people to include: Red Coats, Crispus Attucks, propaganda	____/8	
6. Boston Tea Party - Important terms/people to include: Tea Act, Boston Harbor, Intolerable Acts	____/8	
7. First Continental Congress - Important terms/people to include: Patrick Henry, patriots, compromise	____/8	
8. Battle of Lexington and Concord - Important terms/people to include: Paul Revere, minutemen, "shot heard 'round the world"	____/8	
Conclusion - does page include picture? - does page introduce American Revolution?	____/5	
Illustration for each page?	____/8	
TOTAL	____/80	

Remember, extra details like page numbers, colors, and neatness can only HELP your grade