



## Boston Tea Party

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An American protest against British taxes which involved throwing tea into the Boston Harbour

## Guillotine

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An execution instrument, mainly used in France

## Theobald Wolfe Tone

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Wrote an argument on behalf of the Catholics of Ireland

## The Treaty of Paris

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The Treaty signed by the Americans and British which recognised America as an independent country





## The Reign of Terror

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A period of executions without trial in France between 1793 and 1794

No taxation without representation

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The slogan which opposed the Stamp Act

The Boston Massacre

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When British soldiers opened fire and killed five people

Croppies

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Nickname of the rebels fighting for independence in Ireland





## Intolerable Acts

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The laws passed by the British against Boston

## First Continental Congress

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When representatives from the colonies met in Philadelphia

## Republic

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A country whose head is a President and not a king

## Battle of Bunker Hill

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The British attempt to end the American siege of Boston





## Declaration of Independence

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A document written by Thomas Jefferson which declared America's independence from Britain

## The Battle of Yorktown

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The last major battle in the war of independence when British troops were outnumbered and surrendered

## Law of Suspects

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Law passed to punish anyone who was against the French Revolution

## Law of Maximum

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Law passed to control the rising prices in France by setting maximum prices for many goods





Slogan of the  
French  
Revolution

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Liberty, Equality  
and Fraternity

Committee for  
Public Safety

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A committee  
created to organise  
the defence of  
France

Clergy

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Priests and  
bishops

Absolute  
Monarch

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The monarch did not  
have to consult  
anyone before making  
laws or raising taxes





## Feudal Dues

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Taxes that peasants had to pay to their local lord

## Estates General

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A parliament that contained members of all the Three Estates

## Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen

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A document issued by the Assembly that gave the ordinary people of France more rights

## Civil Constitution of the Clergy

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A law which brought the Church under the control of the government





# The National Convention

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The name of the French parliament during the Reign of Terror

# Sans-culottes

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The name given to poor men who wore long trousers instead of knee breeches which were worn by the wealthy

# Grattan's Parliament

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Henry Grattan helped to achieve an almost completely independent Irish parliament

# The Defenders

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A secret society formed to protect catholic farmers





## The Orange Order

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An order set up to defend Protestants and British rule in Ireland

## Yeomanry

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An army set up by the British government

## Half-hanging

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People were hung until they lost consciousness

## Pitch-cap

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A method of torture, a cloth cap filled with tar was placed on a suspect's head and then set alight







Loyalist

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A supporter of  
the British  
government

Republicanism

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The use of violence  
to end British rule in  
Ireland

Act of Union

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Law passed by Prime  
Minister William Pitt  
which closed the Irish  
Parliament

Catholic  
Emancipation

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Removal of the  
remaining Penal  
Laws





Pike

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A spear-like weapon commonly used by the rebels

Navigation Acts

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British Act controlling the sale of American products

Seven Years War

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British-American war against the French colonies

British National Debt

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The British taxed Americans after the Seven Years War





## Quartering Act

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Act requiring Americans to accommodate the British

## Sugar Act

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British tax on American sugar

## Stamp Act

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Americans had to pay the British to have their documents stamped

## Sons of Liberty

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Group protesting the Stamp Act





George  
Washington

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Appointed as  
leader of the  
American Army

Battle of  
Saratoga

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First major American  
victory, encouraging  
other countries to join  
the war effort

The Valley  
Forge

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Lowest point in the  
war, where many  
soldiers died or  
deserted

Nationalists

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Wanted to be  
independent of  
Britain





Unionists

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Wanted British rule to continue in Ireland

Protestant Ascendancy

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A small minority in control of the Irish Parliament

Society of the United Irishmen

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Belfast group who wanted to limit British power

An Argument on Behalf of the Catholics in Ireland 1791

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Famous pamphlet written by Tone

