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13 Colonies

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Colonies were founded for many reasons, was founded for reasons. While others such as **Massachusetts** and were for religious or refuge reasons.

Each colony was independently operated with little in common and many of the leaders had

 visited the other colonies. Each colony could thrive on their own &

 . However, the colonies were to provide their resources to Britain which were used to manufacture goods that Britain would then .

 The colonies by law were to disrupt the flow of business for Britain, they were prevented from manufacturing economically.

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**What problems do you think this created in the colonies? How did people feel about this law?**

(answer on the next three lines, the following three will be for the answer given in class)

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In class answer

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Britain made one Big mistake, they the only reason the colonies needed British soldiers for protection. They captured . Who for fun fact would later help the colonies achieve independence from Britain and become the United States of America.

**Why do you think the American independence was so revolutionary?**

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Britain was a military empire who defeated and in battle for colonies and territories all over. A battle with the colonies should be no problem for them, however, a battle for was something no one had much experience with.

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Answer key

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* **Timber .**
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**Land Speculator** – a person who buys and sells land for a profit

**Smuggler** – someone who imports and exports goods illegally

**Protest** – a public demonstration of objection, often to a government policy

**Repeal** – to take back

**Sons of Liberty** – Revolutionary organization to advance the rights of European colonists to fight taxation by the British Government

**Patriot** – A person who devoted to the interests of his or her country

**Intolerable Acts** – acts passed by British parliament, considered by American colonists to violate their natural and constitutional rights

**Boycott** – refuse to buy goods from particular source

**Privateer** – a private ship or individual authorized by a government to attack foreign ships during wartime

**Loyalists** – residents of the Thirteen Colonies who remained loyal to Britain during the American Revolution

**Abolitionist** – someone working to end slavery

**Ambassador** – an official delegate of one nation to the government of another nation

**Veto** – to stop or reject a legislative enactment