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American Revolution Political Cartoons

Albany Congress – “Join or Die”

1. What does each segment of the snake represent?
2. What does the caption mean?
3. What is the message of this cartoon to the colonists?

Stamp Act

1. What are the people protesting?
2. What is meant by “No taxation without representation”?

Stamp Act Repealed

1. Who is the funeral for?
2. Why are the warehouses empty along the Thames River?
3. Who does the dog represent? Explain what his actions mean.

Boston Massacre

1. What does “propaganda” mean?
2. Why did Paul Revere misrepresent what happened?

Boston Tea Party

1. What is happening on the ships in the background? Why is this happening?
2. Who was tarred and feathered? What are they pouring into his mouth?

Intolerable Acts

1. Why did the colonists call the new acts “intolerable”?
2. Why would some colonists want to refuse to sign the pledge to stop selling tobacco to England?
3. What might happen to them if they didn’t sign? What is hanging from the gallows?

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Cartoon Reflection

1. How do you think people received their news during the Revolutionary Period?
2. Was the information received always accurate? Biased? Give an example.
3. How were political cartoons used to stir-up anti-British sentiment among the colonists?
4. What were some of the causes that made the colonists go to war with England?
5. What do Americans do today to show that they do not agree with the government's actions?