The colonists had come from Britain and were still under British rule, so all of the British taxes applied to them. However, they weren’t involved in the taxation discussions, nor did they have people representing them in the decisions. The colonists faced different concerns and issues than the people across the sea making all of the laws and felt that their voice wasn’t being heard. This ultimately led to a full blown revolution – colonists against British empire – for the right to govern their own affairs.