Taxation Without Representation

Cut out the rectangles each as one piece and fold on the dotted line. Inside (opposite the “glue here” side), write or glue your information.

In March of 1765, British parliament required that many paper materials had to be printed using special stamped paper produced in London. Newspapers, magazines, and even playing cards were included in the act. The British claimed to use the money to defend and protect the colonists after the French and Indian War, but the colonists felt they had paid enough and were angry that they didn’t have any say in the government: it was taxation without representation.

Paul Revere was a Patriot silversmith who famously warned the Colonist army at Lexington that the British troops were coming. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the poem about Revere that began: “Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere” and included the line, “One if by land, and two if by sea.”