

<p>Actions of the British Government in the colonies after 1763:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Québec Act 1774 extended the boundaries of the Province of Québec well into the western region that the Americans considered to be their land.</i> • <i>England imposed taxes on molasses and stamps in the colonies to help pay for their war expenses.</i> • <i>England allowed their own companies to sell tea in the colonies without paying duties.</i> • <i>They made decisions in the British Parliament about the Thirteen Colonies without consulting the Americans.</i> 	<p>Reasons why the American Colonies were unhappy with these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They wanted freedom and independence from colonial rule.</i> • <i>They believed it was undemocratic that decisions about their country should be made by rulers in Britain.</i> • <i>They wanted their own system of government, not a monarchy.</i> • <i>They did not think they should be taxed to pay for wars that started in Europe.</i> • <i>They had become a distinct American culture separate from Britain. They felt it was unjust to be ruled by people who didn't know their lives.</i>
<p>Actions of protest taken by citizens in the Thirteen Colonies against Britain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They protested British laws in their Assemblies.</i> • <i>They dumped English tea into the harbour at Boston (Boston Tea Party).</i> • <i>They attacked English soldiers in Lexington Massachusetts.</i> • <i>They attacked Montréal and Québec in 1775.</i> • <i>They declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776.</i> 	<p>Reasons why some residents of the Thirteen Colonies were opposed to these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They felt loyalty to Britain and the British crown.</i> • <i>They felt that the actions of protest were leading to mob rule, disorder, and war.</i> • <i>They were worried that a revolution would cause them to lose all the security they had built in the colonies.</i>
<p>Reasons why the Loyalists chose to come to the British colonies in Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They were treated as traitors in their homeland.</i> • <i>Canada did not take the side of the Americans but remained neutral in the war.</i> • <i>They felt there would be more stability and peace in Canada.</i> • <i>Canada was less populated and had plenty of land and resources.</i> • <i>They were promised help and land by the British government. Most went to Nova Scotia or the southern part of Québec, which were nearby and had English-speaking populations.</i> 	<p>Reasons why the colonies in Canada did not join the Americans against Britain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Most Canadians were not unhappy with British colonial rule.</i> • <i>The Americans had been the enemies of Québec when it was Nouvelle-France.</i> • <i>They did not believe that Revolution would bring them greater freedom.</i> • <i>They were afraid that if they joined, they might simply be taken over by the larger, richer and more populated American colonies.</i>