### Actions of the British Government in the colonies after 1763:

- **Québec Act 1774** extended the boundaries of the Province of Québec well into the western region that the Americans considered to be their land.
- England imposed taxes on molasses and stamps in the colonies to help pay for their war expenses.
- England allowed their own companies to sell tea in the colonies without paying duties.
- They made decisions in the British Parliament about the Thirteen Colonies without consulting the Americans.

### Reasons why the American Colonies were unhappy with these actions:

- They wanted freedom and independence from colonial rule.
- They believed it was undemocratic that decisions about their country should be made by rulers in Britain.
- They wanted their own system of government, not a monarchy.
- They did not think they should be taxed to pay for wars that started in Europe.
- 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.

### Actions of protest taken by citizens in the Thirteen Colonies against Britain:

- They protested British laws in their Assemblies.
- They dumped English tea into the harbour at Boston (Boston Tea Party).
- They attacked English soldiers in Lexington Massachusetts.
- They attacked Montréal and Québec in 1775.
- They declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776.

### Reasons why some residents of the Thirteen Colonies were opposed to these actions:

- They felt loyalty to Britain and the British crown.
- They felt that the actions of protest were leading to mob rule, disorder, and war.
- They were worried that a revolution would cause them to lose all the security they had built in the colonies.

### Reasons why the Loyalists chose to come to the British colonies in Canada:

- They were treated as traitors in their homeland.
- Canada did not take the side of the Americans but remained neutral in the war.
- They felt there would be more stability and peace in Canada.
- Canada was less populated and had plenty of land and resources.
- 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.

### Reasons why the colonies in Canada did not join the Americans against Britain:

- Most Canadians were not unhappy with British colonial rule.
- The Americans had been the enemies of Québec when it was Nouvelle-France.
- They did not believe that Revolution would bring them greater freedom.
- They were afraid that if they joined, they might simply be taken over by the larger, richer and more populated American colonies.