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Protest and Resistance in Colonial America

Short Answer Key

1. The Stamp Act of 1765 required colonists to purchase and use special stamps on various paper products. Colonists reacted by boycotting British goods, organizing protests, and forming the Stamp Act Congress to challenge its legality.
2. The Boston Massacre occurred in 1770 when British soldiers opened fire on a crowd of colonists, resulting in the death of five people. It is significant as a symbol of British oppression and further fueled anti-British sentiments.
3. The First Continental Congress in 1774 aimed to discuss grievances against British policies and plan a coordinated response among the colonies.
4. The Battle of Lexington and Concord is considered the start of the American Revolution because it marked the first armed conflict between colonial militia and British troops in Massachusetts.
5. The Sons of Liberty played a crucial role in coordinating protests and boycotts against British policies. Women contributed to colonial resistance by organizing boycotts of British goods, spinning their own cloth to avoid British textiles, and even participating in smuggling activities.

