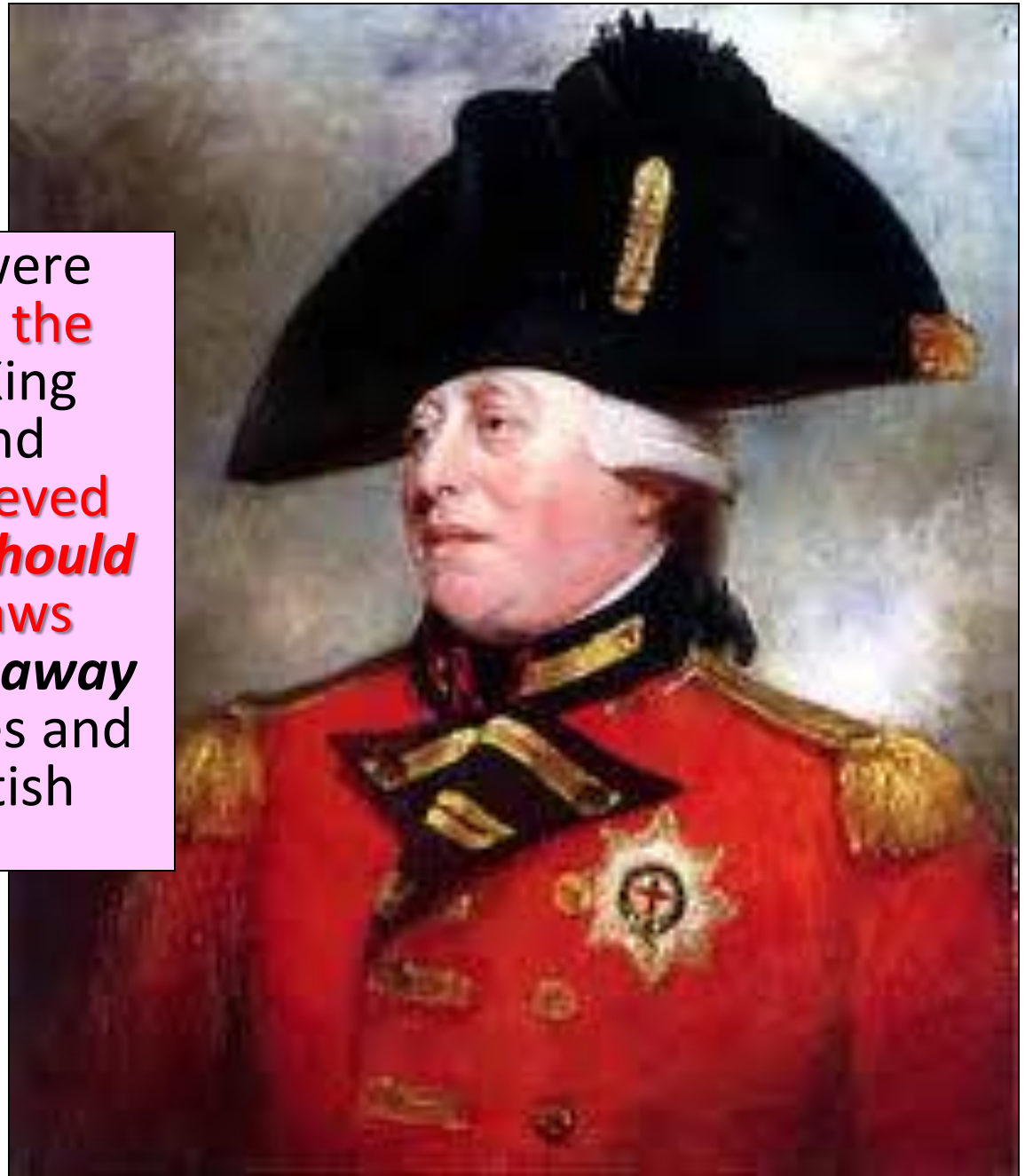


The boycotts were successful, but **the English king** (King George III) and Parliament **believed the *Americans should obey* British laws** and ***took power away*** from the colonies and sent more British soldiers.



An Act of Treason

- Many colonists who spoke out against the King of England, or even when people spoke of independence, feared **treason**.
 - *Can anyone tell me what they think “treason” is?*
- **Treason is: to betray your king, government or and country**

Can anyone guess what the consequence is for someone committing treason in the colonies?

What Side Are You On?

- **There were three (3) different types of colonists in 1776:**

- Patriot
- Neutral, *or Fence-Sitter*
- Loyalist (or, Torie)

- *Can anyone guess the percentage of each group?*

- 40% of Colonists
- 40% of Colonists
- 20% of Colonists

Why was it a bad thing to have so many Neutral Fence-Sitters in the colonies?

Partner Activity: Can You Spot the Loyalist, Patriot and the Neutral Fence Sitter?

The Townsend Act + Boston Massacre

- The Townsend Act actually led some people to their deaths!
- The Townsend Act, of 1770, involved the British soldiers being allowed to search the property of colonists for no reason at all.
- If the British soldiers saw something they thought was “suspicious”, they were allowed to take it away from the colonists.
- The colonists flipped!!!! The **Boston Massacre** is what happened. **Do you know what this event is?**



- On March 5, 1770, after the colonists boycotted buying any British items, the British soldiers and the colonists were very upset and angry with each other.
- A few colonists started calling some British soldiers names and throwing snowballs at them.
 - **Can anyone guess what happened next?**
- The British soldiers fired into the crowd of colonists and killed five (5), and injured six (6) others.
- Crispus Attucks was the first African American to die on colony soil.

Student Quick Write

So far, in your opinion, do you think the colonists were right in demanding independence from England?

Or, do you think the colonists were the cause of all the problems in the first place?

Using your notes and what we have learned in class, give TWO (2) reasons behind your opinion.

Let's try and look at this from the British standpoint, too.

The Tea Act + Boston Tea Party

- The final insult to the colonists after the Boston Massacre was when the British placed taxes on the item they drank every single day – TEA!
- The colonists wanted to stay as British as possible, and followed the daily tradition of drinking tea at 3:00 pm.
- When England placed a tax on something they drank every day to keep the British tradition, this was enough!
 - *Why do you think the colonists viewed these laws as attacks on their rights as British citizens?*



The Boston Tea Party

- An angry group of colonists – they called themselves the Sons of Liberty – decided they would rather destroy the tea than pay taxes on drinking it.
- They dressed up as Native Indians and snuck on the British ship holding large crates full of tea.
- They broke up the boxes and hurled everything into the water – permanently destroying all the tea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt8MmmLLHJY>



Individual or Two-Person Assignment:

- Using your notes about the English taxes on the colonies, you and your partner will answer the following:
 - **1.** Out of all the taxes you learned about, which tax – in your opinion – was the worst tax the English created. Explain why.
 - **2.** Now, pretend you are a British representative of the king. Come up with **3** new, original taxes you would have created for the colonists *instead* of the ones you learned about.
 - **3.** Each of your taxes must have:
 - -- a name
 - -- clear details about the tax
 - -- a reason *why* each tax is better than what the English created
 - **4.** Finally, detail two (2) things you would have done differently to make sure the colonists would be more accepting of paying taxes.