

The Shot Heard Around The World

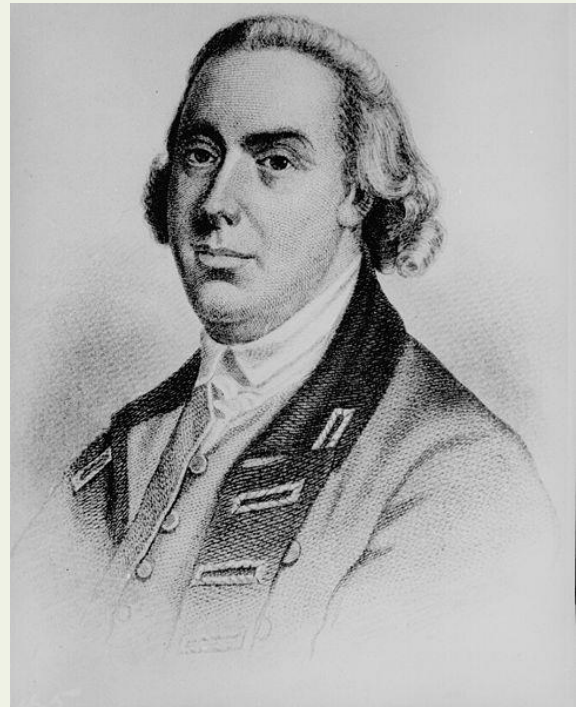


England's Reaction to the 1st Continental Congress' Demands

- When King George III received the hand-delivered message from the 1st Continental Congress, he had no intention of giving in.
 - *What does this mean for the members of the 1st Continental Congress?*
- Instead of compromising with the colonies, the **King sent hundreds of British military troops to the colonies!!**
 - *HOWEVER, knowing what happened at the 1st Continental Congress meeting, what does King George III not know?*
 - That the colonies have started training Minutemen to fight back.....

And Shots Are Fired...WAR!

- British General Thomas Gage started hearing that Massachusetts Patriots were collecting illegal amounts of weapons.
 - The Minutemen were collecting weapons just in case....
- These weapons were supposedly being kept in a town called Concord, Massachusetts.
- Note that Concord is 20 miles outside of the city of Boston.



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Concord, Massachusetts – the location where the Minutemen were hiding the illegal weapons. (*It's still there today!!!*)



April 18, 1775

- General Gage believed the rumors and immediately sent 700 British soldiers to Concord to seize the weapons, and to arrest any colonists guarding them.
- What General Gage didn't know was that the Patriots had already created secret communication systems to prepare for possible British military attacks!
 - *What was the name of the trained militia in each colony?*
 - The Minutemen
- **This day marked the first day of the American Revolution.**

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The Old North Church – Boston, Massachusetts



"One, if by land; and two, if by sea."

Paul Revere – lived right behind the Old North Church



The actual lantern used in the Old North Church to announce the British were coming on April 18, 1775.



The Message is Dispatched

- Paul Revere and William Dawes both rode from Boston to Concord to warn the Minutemen and any other Patriots willing to fight.
 - *Why did TWO men go send the message to the same place?*



- Paul Revere and William Dawes took two different routes to Concord, in case they got caught.
 - Paul Revere – the direct route
 - William Dawes – the longer route
- False – “The British are coming!”
- False – “The Redcoats are coming!”
- **What was actually said: “The Regulars are out!”**

- Paul Revere got to warn Samuel Adams and a few other Patriots before he got caught by the British on the way to Lexington.

- Revere never made it to Concord to warn the Minutemen.

- William Dawes was the one to make it to Lexington to warn the Minutemen. So why is Paul Revere more famous??????

- The Minutemen were ready.
- Five miles outside of Concord, in a small town called **Lexington**, 77 Minutemen were waiting for the British soldiers.
- The British soldiers ordered the Minutemen to drop their weapons and return home to their families.

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The Shot Heard Round the World

- No one to this day knows which side fired the first shot.
- This shot was the **FIRST SHOT** of the American Revolution.
- To this day, it is called, **“The shot heard round the world.”**
 - *What does this mean?*
- Eight Patriots died immediately, the first war casualties.

Plan III. The Engagement at the North Bridge in Concord



1. The 1st Regiment of the Regulars who first fired
on the 19th of April, 1775, at the North Bridge.

2. The Provincials, headed by Colonel Robinson &
Major Rowland, at the North Bridge.

J. W. Child, del.



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





- After this quick skirmish, the British continued on to Concord.
- Waiting for them were 400 Minutemen.
- A battle ensued.
- Locals living around Concord and Lexington heard the gunfire and decided to help their Minutemen out.
- Up to **4,000 residents** (non-Militia) started firing on the British soldiers too! They were afraid to get caught, so they hid behind trees and fences to keep their identities hidden.
- By the time the British arrived in Boston, almost 300 British soldiers were killed by Patriots.

- As a quick little side-note, check out the next slide: 😊

Paul Revere is actually buried here....



PAUL REVERE
BORN
IN BOSTON.
JANUARY, 1734.
DIED
MAY, 1818.



Partner Project

- You will be creating a persuasive protest poster about the upcoming American Revolution.
- You will *randomly select* whether you are a **Loyalist**, **Patriot** or **Neutral Fence Sitter**.
- Your poster must have the following elements:
 - A Catchy Title/Slogan to catch one's eye (*and to tell you what side you're on*)
 - Three (3) reasons why you think we should FIGHT, NOT FIGHT, or MAKE PEACE with England
 - Two (2) drawings or images that support your cause
- Make your poster colorful, creative, with correct grammar/spelling.
- You can use Google Slides or Paper