

# What Is the Historical Significance of the American Revolution?

A revolution. At its core, a revolution is a fundamental change in political power or organizational structures that take place in a relatively short period of time when the population rises up against the current authorities. Take the Black Lives Matter movement, for example. A group of people saw injustices happening, so they took to the streets and social media to make a change. Or the American Presidential election. A huge group of people saw the very noticeable flaws in the former president and stood together to vote him out. Some people say that COVID 19 might be the cause of a future revolution. Let's go back in time though. WAY back. Back to the 1620s. When British pilgrims arrived in what is now America in 1620, they were part of the British empire, and under the rule and control of King George III. As time went on, the pilgrims started to separate from the king and search for independence. The king was not happy about this, so he taxed a lot of things, as both a money grab and a power grab. He taxed sugar, stamps, and, most importantly, tea. This was a tipping point for the American people, and they started to fight back. They didn't want to be under the King's rule anymore. In fact, they didn't want to have a monarch at all. So, he sent soldiers to take "his" land back. They failed, and in 1783, America is declared its own nation to the whole world. How does that affect us today? Why is that significant? Look

around for a second. Where are you in the world? If you are in Canada or the US, you are there because of this revolution. Our government system is a democracy. If this revolution didn't happen, we would still be under the rule of a monarch. In many ways, the American revolution affects our life, our culture, and the things we do every day. So that is why the American revolution is significant in history, and today.

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