Overview of What We’ve Studied so Far…

\*\*\*The Big Question: Why did the colonies declare Independence from England?

Colonies were established in order to make money for the king (mercantilism)

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Greed for more land

(more land = more $)

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Conflict with other competing world powers

(i.e. French and Indian War)

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Colonies costing money (to defend), not making it

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Make up for expenses by taxing colonists

(i.e. Stamp Act, Townshend Acts)

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Colonists MAD

“No taxation without representation”

(translation: “Don’t tax us unless we have a say in how things run around here”)