

TEACHER'S GUIDE

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MISSION 1: "For Crown or Colony?"

"No Stamp Act" Tea Pot, 1766

This teapot commemorated colonial opposition to the Stamp Act of 1765, which required colonists to pay a tax on virtually all printed material including legal documents, wills, contracts, newspapers, pamphlets, and playing cards. The teapot was made in Britain where opposition to the Stamp Act was also strong, especially among British merchants and manufacturers who feared that economic problems in the colonies would weaken demand for their export goods. In response to pressure on both sides of the Atlantic, Parliament repealed the Stamp Act in 1766 while insisting on its power to tax the colonies "in all cases whatsoever."



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