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### Important Dates in the Revolutionary Crisis

1733	Molasses Act
1754-1760	French & Indian War [in Europe the Seven Years War]
1760	George III becomes king of England
1764	Sugar Act
1765	Stamp Act
1766	Repeal of Stamp Act
1767	Townshend Duties John Dickinson, <b>Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania</b>
1768	Massachusetts "circular letter" British troops stationed in Boston
1770	Repeal of Townshend Duties, except on tea Boston Massacre
1773	Tea Act Boston Tea Party
1774	Coercive Acts & Quebec Act First Continental Congress
1775	Battles of Lexington & Concord Second Continental Congress
1776	publication of Thomas Paine's <b>Common Sense</b> Declaration of Independence
1778	France formally recognizes the United States France declares war on Britain
1781	Articles of Confederation become law Battle of Yorktown: British surrender
1783	Peace of Paris
1785	Land Ordinance of 1785
1787	Northwest Ordinance
1788	Ratification of the U.S. Constitution
1789	George Washington is sworn in as first U.S. president
1791	Ratification of the Bill of Rights