



American Revolution  
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Enlightenment ideas provided American colonists with ideas to rebel against the British because the American colonists wanted freedom and equal rights as the British. John Locke's idea of natural rights and equal rights influenced the colonists to fight for independence to gain these rights.



During the French and Indian War, Great Britain had run up a huge debt in the war against France. Because American colonists benefited from Britain's victory, Britain expected the colonists to help pay the costs of the war so the British raised taxes and that angered the colonists so they rebelled and fought for independence.

