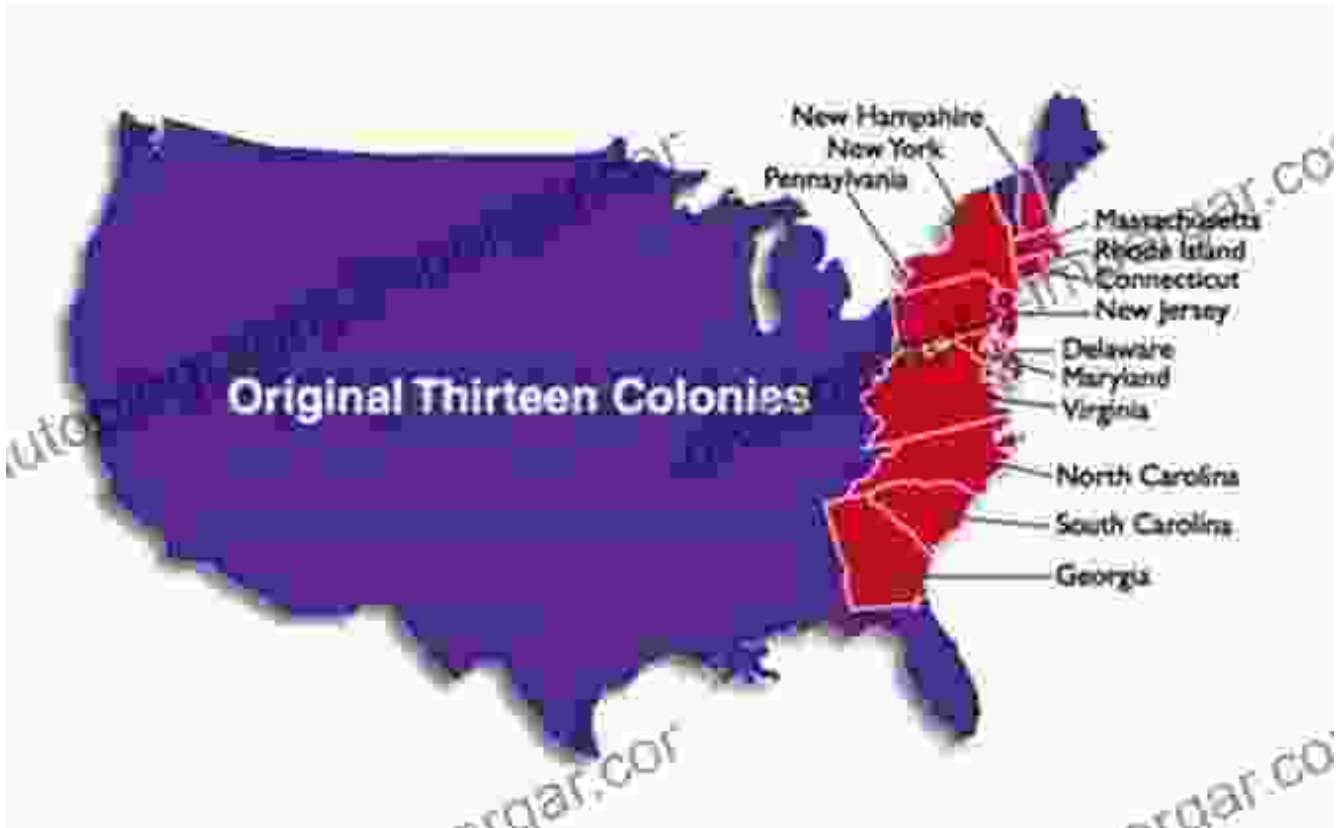


# America Before the Revolution: A Prelude to Independence (1764-1775)



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The American Revolution, a pivotal moment in world history, was not a sudden outburst but the culmination of a decade-long struggle between the British Crown and its American colonies. Starting in 1764, a series of events and policies set the stage for the eventual break for independence.

### **Chapter 1: The Prelude to Conflict (1764-1770)**

The Stamp Act, passed in 1765, imposed a tax on printed materials and ignited widespread protests and boycotts. The Townshend Acts of 1767 further escalated tensions by imposing duties on goods imported into the colonies. These measures ignited a growing sense of resentment and a determination to resist British authority.

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The Boston Massacre of 1770, in which British soldiers fired on an unarmed crowd, further fueled revolutionary sentiment. The infamous Boston Tea Party in 1773, a protest against the Tea Act, led to the passage of the Intolerable Acts, which punished Boston and further alienated the colonies.

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The First Continental Congress, held in 1774, marked a pivotal step towards unity and resistance. Delegates from 12 colonies issued a Declaration of Rights and Grievances, demanding an end to British taxation and arbitrary rule. The Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775 marked the

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This chapter explores the political and social structure of Colonial America. It examines the role of governors, assemblies, and town meetings, as well as the social hierarchies and divisions that existed within society.

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