

# Direct Instruction Vocabulary

government

noun

the ruling body of a nation,  
state or community

law

noun

a rule enforced by a  
government

legislation

noun

a law

liberty

noun

the state of being free of  
restrictions imposed by  
authority on one's way of  
life, behavior or political  
views

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**Townshend Act:** In 1767, Britain passed an additional tax law called the Townshend Act, which taxed imported goods such as glass, lead, paint, paper, and tea.

Townshend Act - 1767 tax on imports (Glass, lead, paint, paper, tea)

**The Tea Act:** To avoid paying the Townshend duty on tea, colonists had begun smuggling tea from the Netherlands. The Tea Act lowered the taxes of the British East India Company in hopes that the colonists would not buy the smuggled tea and would instead accept the taxed tea.

Tea Act - a lower tax on tea that hoped to curb smuggling

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**Colonial Response:** Colonial leaders in cities like New York and Philadelphia would not allow East India Company ships to dock and forced the ships to turn back. In Boston, however, the tea ships were allowed to dock.

Colonial Response to Acts - Colonists in Phila & NYC didn't allow East India Company ships to dock

**The Sons of Liberty:** A secret society formed to protect the rights of the colonists and to fight taxation by the British government.

Sons of Liberty - a group of colonists that tried to stop taxes from British government