

THE USA



American revolution

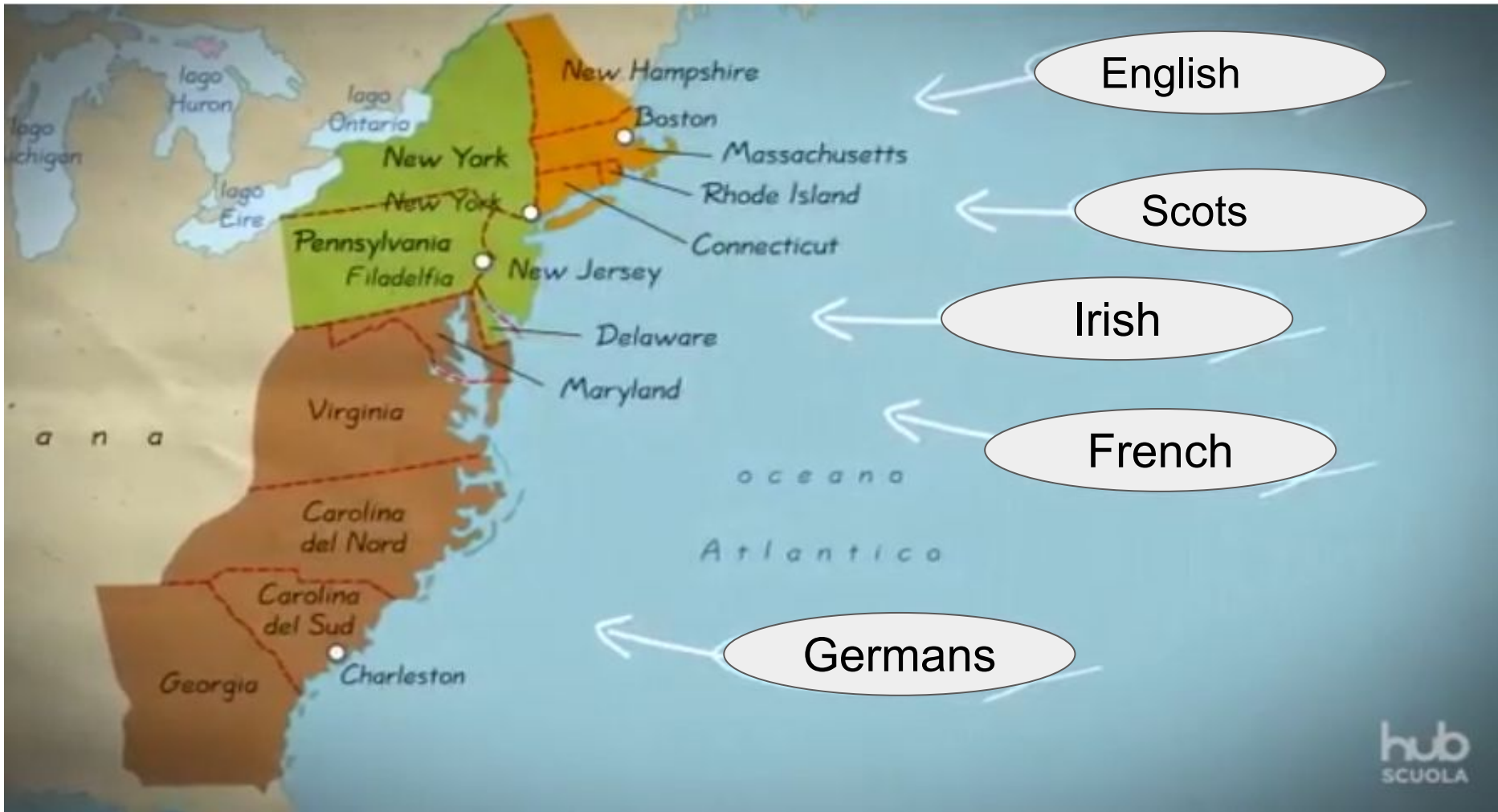


First colonisation

Situation in North America in the early eighteenth century.

The Europeans had divided up the territory.

The English colonies are represented in pink.



English

Scots

Irish

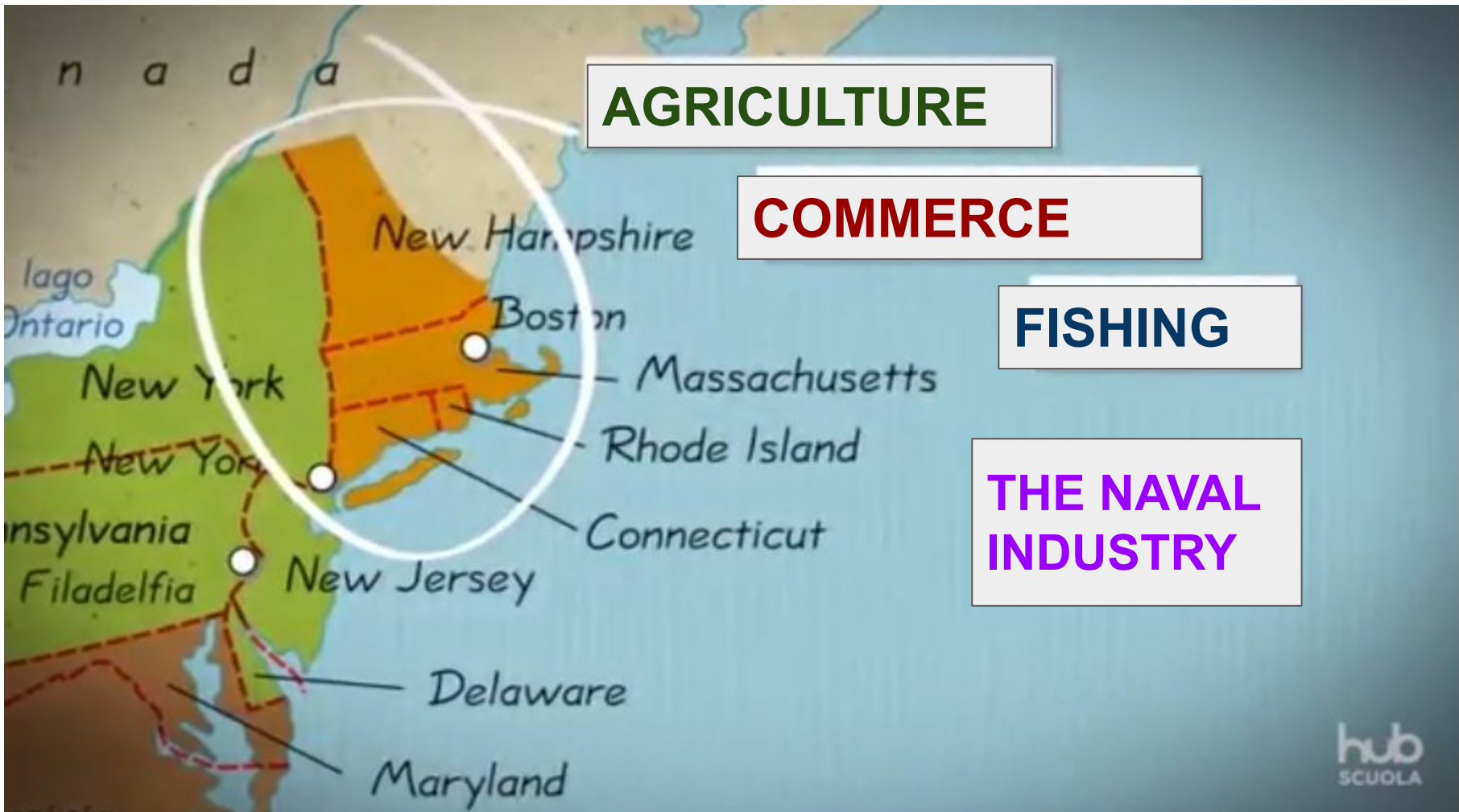
French

Germans

The Northern Colonies

They were mainly inhabited by Puritan English who practiced:

- ❑ agriculture on small land
- ❑ the commerce
- ❑ fishing
- ❑ the naval industry



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INDUSTRY**

The colonies of the center

They were inhabited not only by the English, but also by Germans, Irish, Dutch and Scots. They had developed:

- ❑ trade
- ❑ port cities, such as New York and Philadelphia

PORT CITIES

NEW YORK

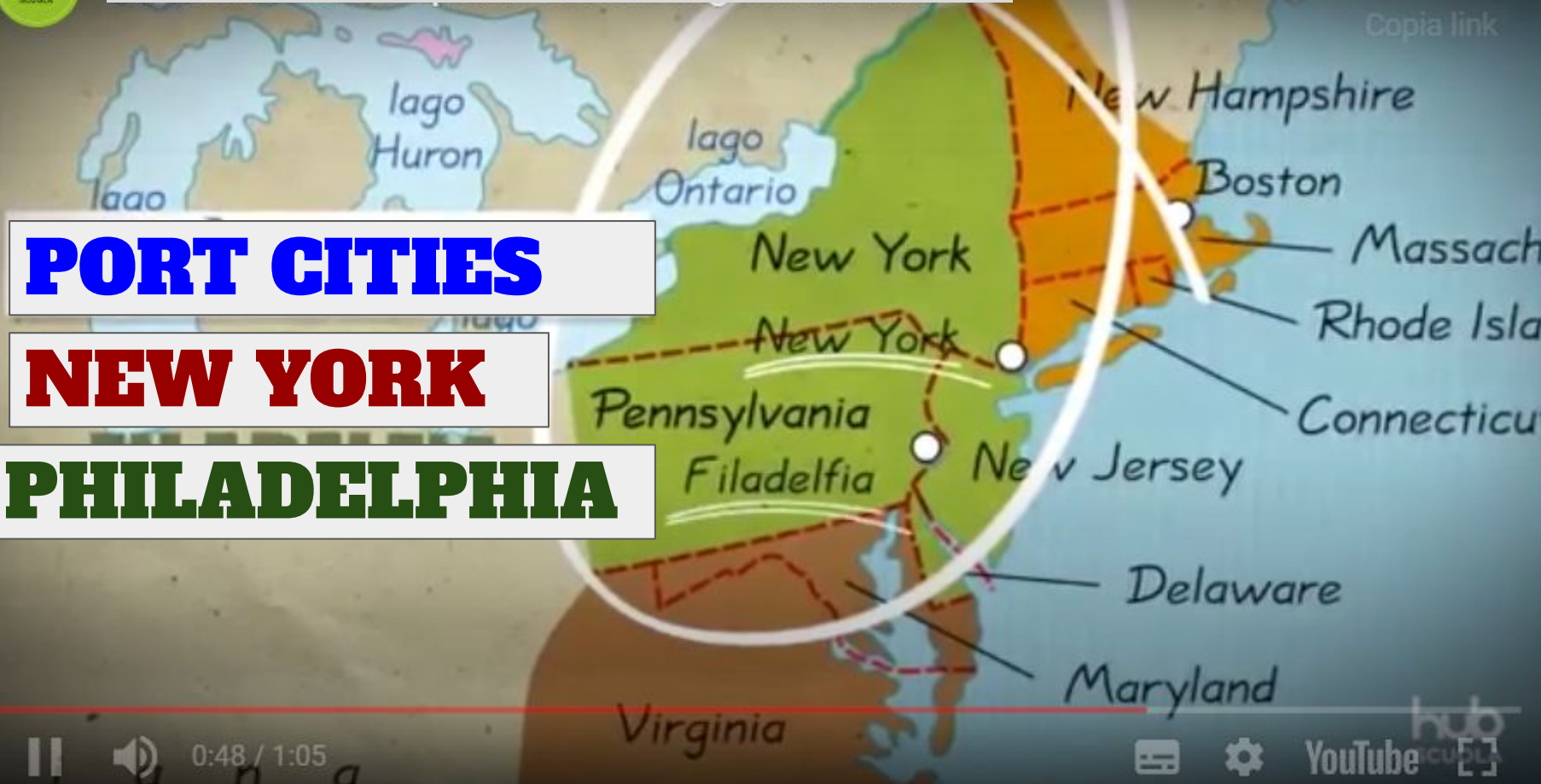
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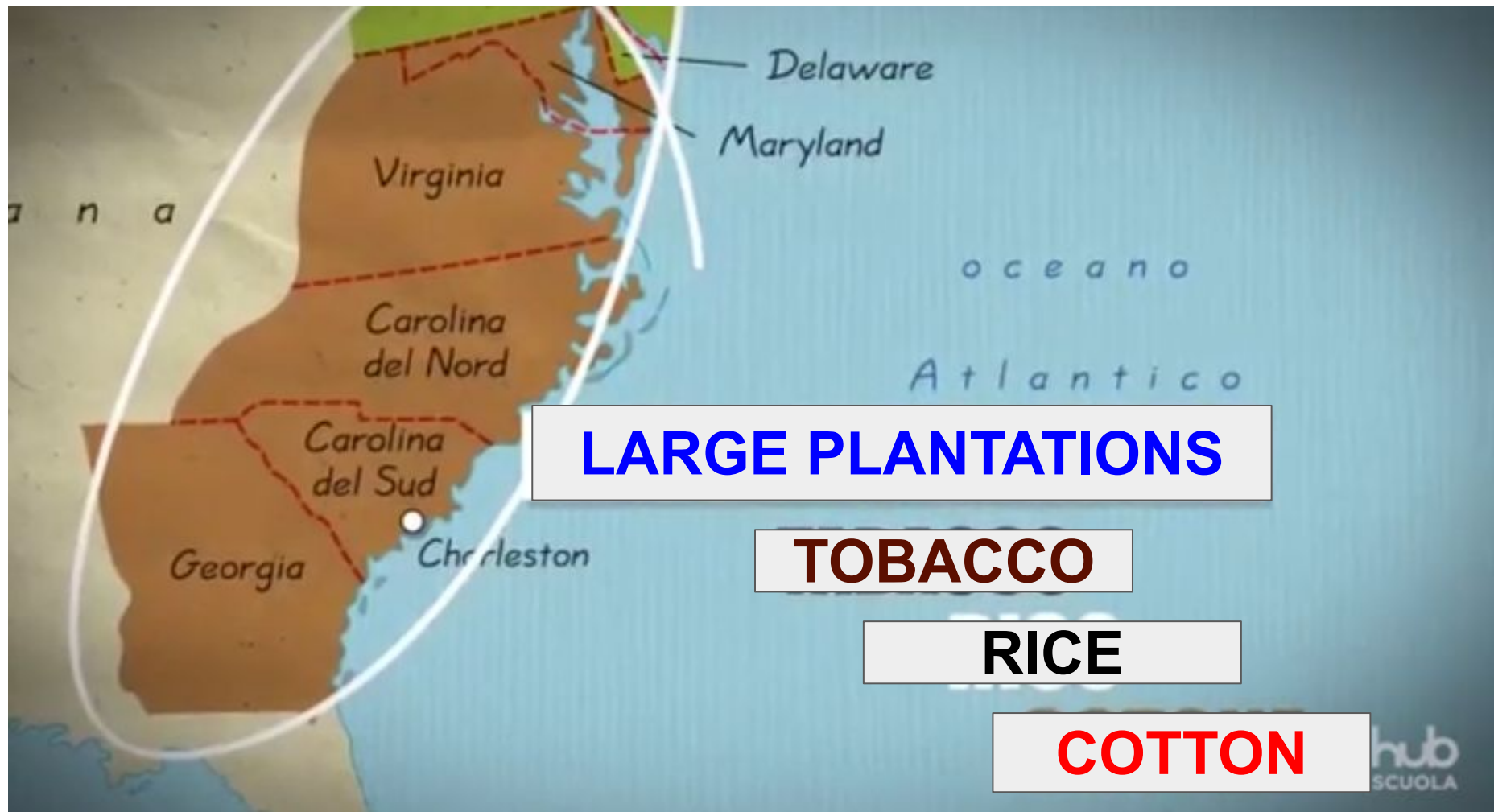


The colonies of the South

Here lived mainly Englishmen of Anglican faith. The economy was based on the large plantations of:

- ❑ tobacco
- ❑ rice
- ❑ cotton

A great many slaves worked there



Delaware

Maryland

Virginia

Carolina
del Nord

Carolina
del Sud

Georgia

Charleston

oceano

Atlantico

LARGE PLANTATIONS

TOBACCO

RICE

COTTON

The origins of the revolution

The laws imposed by England required the colonies to:

- ❖ export their raw materials only with Great Britain
- ❖ buy all the processed products from the motherland, without the freedom to develop local crafts
- ❖ use only the British pound (they could not mint money).

The settlers did not tolerate these impositions, claiming their individual freedom.

England imposes taxes on settlers

1764: England subjects the colonists to a kind of taxation

- **Taxes concerned:**
- **tea, a widely consumed product**
- **Stamp Act, a revenue stamp to be applied to all sales contracts and newspapers.**

The rebellion of the settlers: Boston tea party

"No tax without representation". This was the slogan of the settlers, who wanted to have a seat in Parliament.

1773: A group of Bostonians, disguised as Indians, throw a load of English tea into the sea.

The "Boston tea party" angers King George III.



The independence war

1776: July 4th in Philadelphia
the representatives
of the colonies
approve the Declaration
of Independence.
It was the birth certificate
of the United States of America



George Washington

He led the American colonists in the war of independence. Only in 1783, with the Peace of Versailles, England recognize the independence of the United States.

