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## Independence Countdown Answer Key

Correct sequence:

1. The Stamp Act puts taxes on paper goods like newspapers and playing cards. (1765)
2. The Boston Massacre causes anger toward British soldiers. (1770)
3. The Boston Tea Party takes place as colonists protest tea taxes. (1773)
4. The First Continental Congress meets to discuss unfair British laws. (1774)
5. Battles break out in Lexington and Concord. (1775)
6. The Second Continental Congress meets to plan the colonies' future. (1775)
7. Thomas Jefferson writes the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. (June 1776)
8. The Declaration of Independence is officially approved in Philadelphia. (July 4, 1776)

### Teacher's Guide

- Review key vocabulary: protest, congress, draft, approval
- Discuss how cause-and-effect relationships led to independence
- Encourage students to underline dates or time clues in each event

### Differentiation

- Provide a word bank with dates for students who need more support
- Challenge advanced students to add 2-3 more events with correct placement

### Extension Opportunities

- Have students create an illustrated timeline poster for display
- Research one event in more detail and write a short informational paragraph
- Discuss how disagreements with rules or leadership can impact a community today