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## Independence Countdown

**Directions:** Number the events below from 1-8 to show the correct order of what happened leading up to the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Boston Tea Party takes place as colonists protest tea taxes.

\_\_\_\_\_ The First Continental Congress meets to discuss unfair British laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Declaration of Independence is officially approved in Philadelphia.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Stamp Act puts taxes on paper goods like newspapers and playing cards.

\_\_\_\_\_ Battles break out in Lexington and Concord.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Second Continental Congress meets to plan the colonies' future.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Boston Massacre causes anger toward British soldiers.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Jefferson writes the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.