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Worksheets	2 pennies
Leave the classroom	2 pennies
Go to recess	1 penny



# HOW MUCH WERE TAXES?

PRODUCT	 SUGAR	 COFFEE	 TEA	 PLAYING CARDS	 INDIGO DYE
PRICE	<b>\$3.25</b> PER POUND	<b>\$7.00</b> PER POUND	<b>\$7.50</b> PER POUND	<b>\$0.15</b> PER PACKAGE	<b>\$4.85</b> PER OUNCE
TAX	<b>\$0.20</b> PER POUND	<b>\$0.13</b> PER POUND	<b>\$0.06</b> PER POUND	<b>\$0.30</b> PER PACKAGE	<b>\$0.01</b> PER OUNCE

## WHAT IS A TAX?

**A TAX IS AN AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU HAVE TO PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION TO THE PRICE OF THE ITEM. THE PEOPLE WHO SOLD THE ITEM PAID THE TAX AND THEN ADDED IT TO THE PRICE FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS.**  
\$1 IN 1770 IS WORTH ABOUT \$21 IN 2020.



- 1) Why do you think the government taxes goods?
- 2) Which item has the largest tax?
- 3) If you compare the amount of tax to the price of the item, which item has the largest tax?
- 4) Why do you think the amount of taxes on items was different?



Lesson 5.2: Revolutionary Taxes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## We Are Angry Because...

You have been given the rare opportunity to tell the King of England, His Majesty George III, why you, a colonist, are so angry about the taxes he's imposed on the American colonies. It is unlikely he will change his mind (or even show good listening skills), but you will nevertheless make the effort.

Write a dialogue between you, a colonist in 1770, and King George III where you explain to him why taxation without representation is a problem. Make sure you:

- Define taxation without representation
- Tell him why you are so angry about it
- What might happen if he doesn't change his plans