**America: The Story of Us**

**Rebels - Video Guide**

**It’s All About the Money:**

A British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ official springs a surprise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the “Liberty” ship belonging to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They’re carrying a 100 casks (large barrels) of imported wine and don’t want to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It’s a radical act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_against taxes imposed by a King 3000 miles away. To the British they’re just common \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This small skirmish (a brisk conflict) changes everything. The British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hancock’s ship triggering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_that sweep through Boston. The King sends 4000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Boston to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his laws.

British soldiers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down on Boston—a port \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the British Empire & a hub of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in commerce. Its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are some of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the world producing \_\_\_\_\_\_ships a year from America’s vast \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reserves. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fuels the global economy—much like oil does today.

In Boston, there’s one redcoat for every four citizens. It’s a city under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a silversmith & one of Boston’s prominent businessmen—an unlikely subversive (bold activist).

The 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powerhouse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Britain. Nearly \_\_\_\_\_\_ of British products are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to America. The fishing fleets ship tons of salted cod to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, & raw material to make rum. The British \_\_\_\_\_\_after every exchange.

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, rum is the currency used to purchase the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cargo of all—African \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Between 1700 and 1800, more than a \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Africans are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most wind up on large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but they’re also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Tension Rises in Boston:**

March 5, 1770. An angry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of hundreds of unemployed men who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the British gather on King Street—& face off 8 against redcoats with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . A shot is heard. An African American, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dies instantly & another 4 colonists die. Paul Revere captures the moment in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that spreads across the 13 colonies. The most formidable army in the world firing on an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crowd, & an explosive image with the title that says it all, “The Bloody \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spreads fast. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cut the delivery time in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The communications \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_connecting the colonies is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. The British have \_\_\_\_ idea. Before news reaches England, most of America knows about the *Boston Massacre*.

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tide of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_forces England’s hand. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one on \_\_\_\_\_. It’s not enough. In the middle of the night, rebels \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over one million dollars worth of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Boston \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The British \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Boston Harbor in hope to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the rebellious colony. Tensions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ far beyond Boston as settlers push west of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But to protect Native American lands, England has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ settlements along a boundary called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Hundreds are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their homes on the frontier.

**Solidarity:**

September 5, 1774. Incensed at the British actions, 56 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from across the colonies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at the \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Philadelphia. Among them are John Adams, Patrick Henry, & George Washington. People \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defend themselves. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arms are collected & hidden. But while many expect conflict, most delegates in Philadelphia want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Britain. Congress resolves (states) that a British attack on any one colony be regarded as an attack on all of them. What emerges in Philadelphia is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**“The Shot Heard ‘Round the World”:**

Before war comes, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & will be America’s first line of defense—every colony has one. They’re farmers, blacksmiths, and store owners—a fighting force of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans. In Massachusetts, a 1/3 of all men between 16 and 50 are ready to bear \_\_\_\_\_\_ in a minute’s notice. They are called minutemen.

April 19, 1775, after midnight, 900 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ march from Boston for Lexington & Concord, about 20 miles away. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rebel leaders & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their weapons. Paul Revere, his midnight ride, goes ahead of the British troops & warns the militias all the way to Lexington.

By sunrise, 60 militia men \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ armed & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trained line up against the \_\_\_\_\_ armed, highly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army in the world. The fight is for nothing less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ itself. Free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also join the fight.

No one knows who fires the first shot at Lexington. But it’s the shot “heard ‘round the world”. No army in the world can stand toe-to-toe with the British. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_troops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up to \_\_\_ times the rate of the militia. Within minutes of the first shots fired, 8 Patriots are dead & 10 wounded.

**“The American Revolution Has Begun” :**

The redcoats reach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 9 in the morning. Acting on a tipoff from colonists loyal to the Crown, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the militia’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_stash. The rebels have got there first…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ almost everything. They continue to search for weapons, giving the Patriots more time to spread the word.

By late morning near Concord, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_their towns against the British. A people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in the fight against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Now, the Patriots have their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as they catch up to the British soldiers as they march back to Boston. The fight is on. The Patriots seize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & intend to make the British soldiers pay. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the redcoats’ march & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on them the entire way. Once over, a 1/3 are killed or wounded.