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1. **The Proclamation Line of 1763**: The British tried to stop the colonists from crossing this line to avoid conflict with Native Americans. This angered the colonists who wanted the land and resources of the area.

2. **The Intolerable Acts**: Known in Britain as the Coercive Acts, these laws increased the military influence in Boston and attempted to force the Bostonians to make restitution for the Boston Tea party.

3. **Samuel Adams**: This man started the Sons of Liberty to protest British actions against the colonies, including taxes.

4. **The Stamp Act**: This was a tax placed on wills, newspapers, playing cards, and other printed material.

5. **The Boston Tea Party**: British colonists dumped large portions of tea into the Boston harbor to protest the tea taxes placed on the colonies.

6. **The Boston Massacre**: On March 5th, 1770, some Colonists were protesting various taxes and other actions that Britain had taken. The Colonists were being very hostile and aggressive with the British soldiers stationed in Boston. As hostilities grew, British soldiers fired into a crowd in Boston and killed five people.

Part B: Short Answer

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1. **How did the British use the French and Indian War as a reason why they felt entitled to tax the colonies?**
   This conflict defeated the French and Indian alliance in colonial America. The British felt, since they protected the colonists, they should be able to tax the colonists to pay off the war debt.

2. **What did the colonists mean by this statement, “No taxation without representation!”? Explain.**
   It was not that the colonists did not feel they should be taxed. What angered them was that they were being taxed while having no representation in the British government body called Parliament. They felt that, if they had representation, the taxes would be fairer.

3. **If only 5 people died in the Boston Massacre, why was it labeled a “massacre” by the Paul Revere?**
   Paul Revere was deliberately trying to anger the colonists. He and others wanted to portray the event in a very negative light to anger the colonists and create resentment toward Britain.