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The Stamp Act was passed in 1765.	The tax was unfair to the colonists.
Colonists had to pay taxes on paper goods.	People should decide the taxes they pay.
Some colonists burned stamps in protest.	All people should have representation.