



TOP SECRET



Attention: Secret Agents

You are among a select group chosen to carry out a secret mission. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is a top secret colonial investigation.

The Case

It is the morning of October 16th, 1774. There is less than an hour until representatives from each of the thirteen colonies meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The colonies are uniting over their dissatisfaction of the actions of King George III of Great Britain.

Inside the building, locked away in a safe, are hundreds of letters written by colonists suggesting ways to fix the issues with King George III. You have been collecting the colonial letters for over a year now. You have called the meeting to showcase the colonial concerns and create a plan of action. Each colony has different concerns so the letters are extremely important. This is the only way the concerns of each colony can be addressed and heard by others.

Twelve out of thirteen delegates have now arrived and are waiting on you to read the letters. The problem is you forgot the combination to the safe which holds the valuable letters. The representatives are going stir crazy. They are threatening to leave in less than an hour unless the safe is opened and the letters are read aloud.

Your job is to find the 4 digit lock combination before it's too late. The colonists are counting on you!

You will use a code name and solve the puzzles by decoding clues. Your code name is the first letter of your LAST name found below PLUS your favorite number.

My Code Name is _____

A= Snake	F= Fox	K= Tornado	P= Spartan	U= Bear
B= Ninja	G= Shark	L= Lizard	Q= Liberty	V= Ghost
C= Coyote	H= Skyfall	M= Lightning	R= Nitro	W= Swamp
D= Dragon	I= Knight	N= Flash	S= Lion	X= Tiger
E= Valley	J= Cobra	O= Thunder	T= Diamond	Y/Z= Gorilla

Clue # 1

- The French and Indian War lasted from 1754 to 1763.
- The American colonies won the war, but only because they had help from British soldiers.
- King George III and the British government felt that the colonists should help pay for the expense of the war and the expense of British soldiers stationed in the American colonies.
- The British government, known as Parliament, decided to pass the Sugar Act.
 - This law taxed American colonists...

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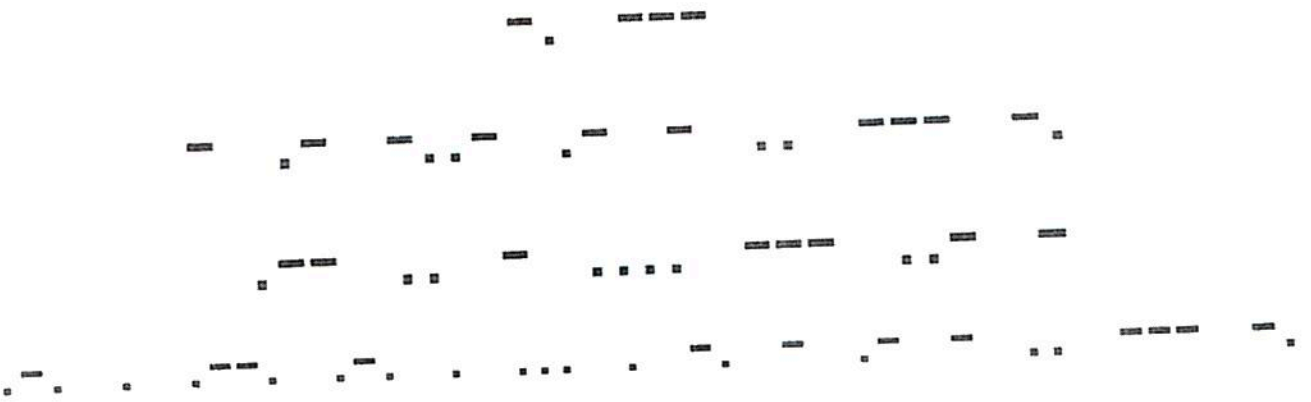
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- Great Britain was far away from the American colonies. The colonists didn't want people all the way across the ocean telling them what to do or how to live.



Clue # 2

- In 1765, the Stamp Act tax was imposed on colonists to help pay for the French and Indian War.
- This law required colonists to pay a tax on all printed materials such as newspapers, legal documents, magazines and playing cards.
- The British felt they could tax the colonists because they received the help of British troops.
 - The American colonists did not agree with the taxes.
- The colonists felt the British government had no right to tax them.
 - There were no representatives of the colonies in the British government.
- The colonies had no one to speak up on their behalf. They had no say in the amount or use of taxes.
- They didn't think taxing the colonies was fair. Their motto was...



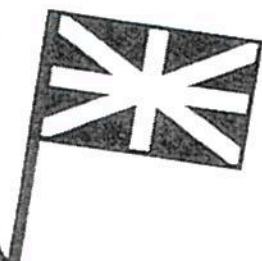


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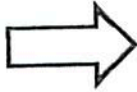

- Many American colonists began protesting British taxes and laws.
- One Boston protest in 1770 resulted in a fight and several colonists were shot and killed.
 - This incident is known as the Boston Massacre.
 - The British later started collecting a new tax on tea.
- Leading Boston patriots protested this tax by boarding British ships and dumping the tea into the water of the Boston Harbor.
 - This was known as the Boston Tea Party and occurred ...

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- The British government decided the American colonies needed to be punished for the Boston Tea Party.
 - They issued new laws and taxes that the colonists called the Intolerable Acts.
- They were given the name "Intolerable Acts" by patriots who felt they could not "tolerate" the unfair laws.



Clue # 4

Hint:  then 

- The First Continental Congress took place in September of 1774.
- Representatives from each colony met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- They discussed their concern of the Intolerable Acts and other unfair British laws.
- The representatives of the colonies sent a letter to King George III explaining their issues and concerns with taxes and unfair treatment.
- They requested that King George, king of Great Britain, cancel the Intolerable Acts or they would refuse to use and buy British goods.

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- The American colonists began a boycott of British goods.
- Eventually the colonists decided to fight for their independence from Great Britain in the Revolutionary War.



4 Digit Combination

First number of lock combination:

The year of the Boston Massacre MINUS 1768.

Second number of lock combination:

The year of the Boston Tea Party MINUS 1772.

Third number of lock combination:

What number is represented by
“ _ _ _ . . ” ?

Last number of lock combination:

What number is the letter “S” in clue #1?

Four things I learned...

Write a 1-2 sentence summary from each clue. You must use complete sentences and your OWN words.

Clue 1: _____

Clue 2: _____

Clue 3: _____

Clue 4: _____
