Lesson 9: The Coercive (Intolerable) Acts
The English government was furious about the rebellious Boston Tea Party. To punish the colonists, Parliament passed a series of laws called the Coercive Acts. The colonists renamed these laws the "Intolerable Acts" because they were truly not tolerable.

The first of the Coercive Acts included the closing of Boston Harbor. Parliament declared that the harbor would remain closed until payment was made for the tea that colonists had destroyed. British warships formed a blockade around the harbor so that no ships could pass through to dock. This was devastating to trade and the economy of Boston.

The second of the Coercive Acts included a law stating that the Massachusetts legislature could no longer meet. The colony was to be run by the British military and was no longer able to make its own laws or decisions.

The third of the Coercive Acts was the Quartering Act. This law forced colonists to house British soldiers in their homes. This was a hated law because British soldiers entered colonists' homes uninvited, took over bedrooms, and ate the family's food.

Parliament passed the Coercive Acts because they wanted to tighten their control over the colonies. They hoped these new laws would end the rebellion in the colonies. The laws actually had the opposite effect. Colonial protests increased and colonists became more resentful of England.
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Activity: Triple Flap Book

Purpose: Students will create a triple flap book to make a visual representation of what they have learned about the Coercive Acts.

Materials:
1. One copy of flap 1, flap 2, and the Statement Starters/Labels page for each student
2. Scissors, liquid glue, markers or crayons

Procedure:
1. Remind students to use tiny dots of glue. If they use large globs of glue, their flap books will take a long time to dry and the flaps may stick together.
2. Fold flap 1 and flap 2 on their provided lines.
3. Use tiny dots of liquid glue to glue the crease of flap 2 into the crease of flap 1.
4. Glue the labels onto each flap, as shown in the example.
5. Rewrite and answer the statement starters on each flap.
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Statement Starters and Labels

Blockade of Boston Harbor
Parliament declared that Boston Harbor would remain closed until __.
The blockade of Boston Harbor affected Boston because __.

Closing of Massachusetts Legislature
Parliament declared that Massachusetts Colony would now be run by __.
The colony was no longer allowed to __.

Quartering Act
The Quartering Act forced colonists to __.
Colonists despised the Quartering Act because __.
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EXAMPLE

Blockade of Boston Harbor

Parliament declared that Boston Harbor would remain closed until colonists paid for the destroyed tea.

The blockade of Boston Harbor affected Boston because trade was decreased and the economy wasn’t doing well.

Closing of Massachusetts Legislature

Parliament declared that Massachusetts colony would now be run by the British military.

The colony was no longer able to make its own laws or decisions.

Quartering Act

The Quartering Act forced colonists to house and feed British soldiers.

Colonists despised the Quartering Act because British soldiers made their homes unwelcome, ate the family’s food and took over bedrooms.