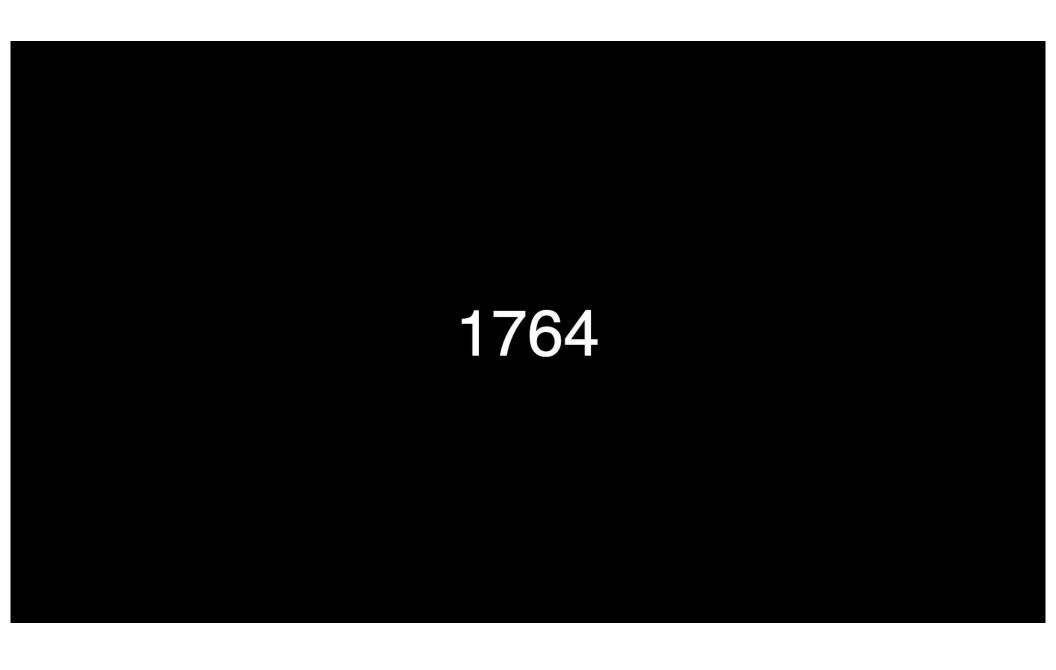


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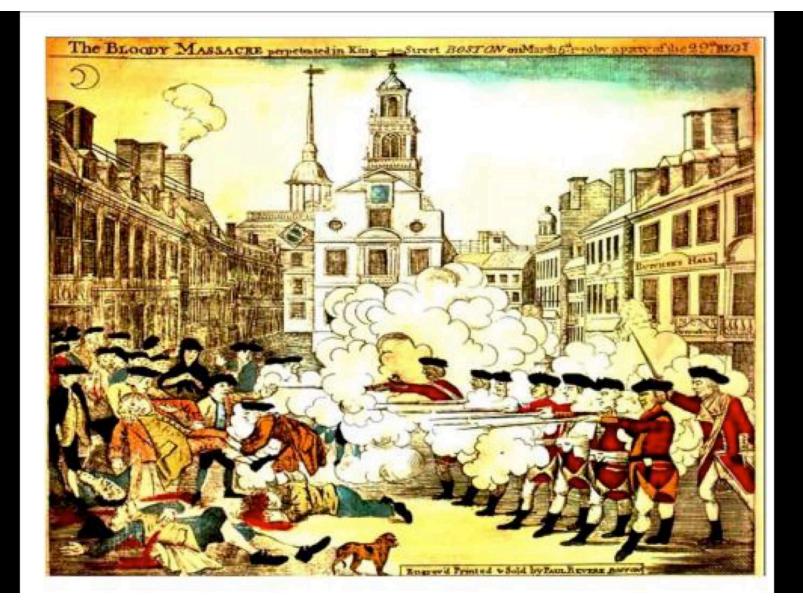
September 16, 1620

November 21, 1620



March 5, 1770

The Boston Massacre





April 19, 1775

The Battle of Lexington & Concord

The Second Continental Congress

July 4, 1776

"The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence

"That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

The Declaration of Independence

The Bill of Rights:

Speech, Press, Assembly, Religion, Bear Arms, Due Process, Jury Trial, Search and Seizure, Cruel & Unusual Punishment, Quartering Soldiers,

The Ninth Amendment:

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

A people with rights must also be a people with responsibility.



Whenever we think more about our liberty than our responsibility, we undermine liberty.

Just because it's a right doesn't make it right, and just because it's legal doesn't make it moral.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10 NIV

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:11 NIV

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:12 NIV

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority,

1 Peter 2:13 NIV

or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:14 NIV

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:15 NIV

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

1 Peter 2:16 NIV

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:17 NIV

I will do what is right even when I have the right to do otherwise.

I will do what is just, not what I can justify.

I will forgive those who wrong me.

I will seek to bless my enemies.

I will speak the truth but never without grace.

I will be concerned with what is moral rather than what is legal.

I will use my words to make a difference rather than to make a point.

I will seek to diffuse conflict rather than ignite it.

I will seek first the Kingdom of God in my life, family, friendships, and finances.

I will do my best to love you the way that God in Christ has loved me.