

8th Grade American Studies

Unit 4: 1776 - 1783

Topic: *So Why Were There Two Continental Congresses?*

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Date _____

Period _____

	First Continental Congress	Second Continental Congress	<i>What types of connections and assumptions can be made from this information?</i>
When was it formed?	September - October, 1774	May, 1775 -	
Where did it take place?	Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia, PA	
Who was there [represented]?	56 Delegates representing 12 out of 13 Colonies (No Georgia)	56 Delegates representing 12 out of 13 Colonies (No Georgia until July, 1775) John Hancock elected as "President" of the Congress	
Why was it formed?	In response to the Intolerable Acts (specifically the closing of Boston harbor)	After the Battles of Lexington & Concord	
What did it do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraged colonial boycotts of British goods - Urged colonies to begin preparing for war with Britain - Drafted the <i>Declaration of Rights</i> (list of rights & concerns shared by most of the colonists at the time) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money & taxation issues - Foreign & Native American relations - Set up an intercolonial Post Office - American Association established to enforce colonial boycotts - Strengthened military; est. Continental Army, appointed G. Washington to be in charge - Olive Branch Petition (one last chance at peaceful resolution) 	

