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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

Many Americans organized to oppose British policies.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

The tensions between Britain and the colonies led to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Minutemen** group of armed civilians, trained to be ready to fight "at a minute's warning"

**Intolerable Acts** series of laws, known in Britain as the Coercive Acts, meant to punish Massachusetts and clamp down on resistance in other colonies

**First Continental Congress** meeting of delegates from most of the colonies, called in reaction to the Intolerable Acts

**Paul Revere** Boston silversmith who rode into the countryside to spread news of British troop movement

**Lexington and Concord** first battles of the Revolutionary War

**Loyalists** Americans who supported the British

**Patriots** Americans who sided with the rebels

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**militia** a force of armed civilians pledged to defend their community



Visual Vocabulary Paul Revere

## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, record information to support the generalization.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R11.

### MAKE GENERALIZATIONS



**GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS**

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