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2. He has held back other laws until the people give up the right to meet and legislate
3. He called meetings in faraway places that few American representatives could attend
4. The shut down the local parliaments and canceled elections for new ones
5. He wouldn't let people immigrate into the colonies and barred colonists from moving into new, wilderness territories (like Tennessee)
6. He corrupted the judges so that their rules reflected his permission and not the actual law
7. He sent officers and tax collectors to harass the people
8. He had set up a new system of government that: quartered soldiers in people's homes, cut off trade from the world, removed the right to trial by jury, raising taxes without consent, taking Americans overseas to be tried and vetoing laws
9. He made war on Americans (this should be a conflict prior to July 4, 1776)
10. He plundered the seas, attacked the towns along the coast and murdered people
11. He occupied the country with his troops
12. He kidnapped American sailors and made them serve in the British Navy, causing them to attack their own homeland
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