

Crisis in the Colonies

Chapter 5

The French and Indian War

- French are England's greatest threat in the 13 Colonies
 - French build forts to keep English colonies from moving west
 - England wants a share of the fur trade in the Ohio Valley

Native Americans choose sides:

“You and the French are like the two edges of a pair of shears. And we are the cloth which is to be cut to pieces between them.”

- French: Huron and Algonquin
- English: Iroquois

- 1754: French and Indian War begins
- George Washington: first battle—Fort Necessity —British lose
- **Albany Plan of Union:** create one gov't for all 13 colonies---none of the colonial assemblies approve it
- 1755: British defeat at Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh)