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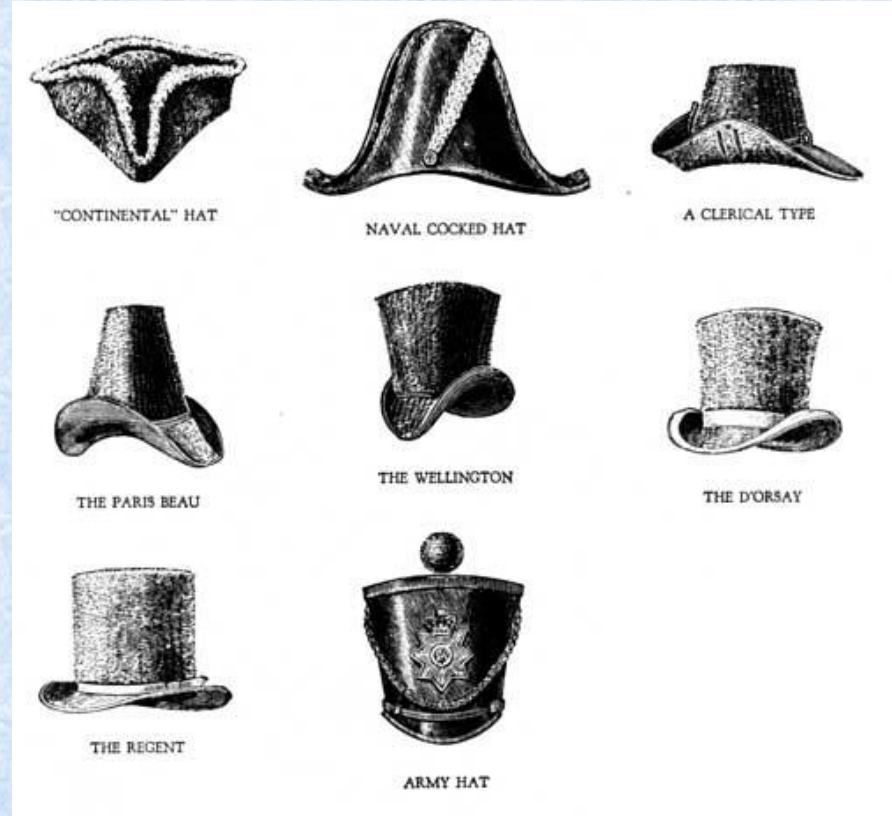
1754-1761

Also known as the 7 year war.

There was a fad in Europe

a hat

**The only place people can get
the material to make the hat
was in America.**



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Part 1

The material was an animal skin.

Beaver skin

The French came over to America to hunt beavers for the hat.

The colonists started having problems with the French trappers.



The American Beaver

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Colonists begin complaining to the king of England about the French.

French start building forts in America

England responds by telling the colonies to handle it themselves.



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Colonists send a young militia leader to tell the French to leave the colonists alone.

George Washington

Washington wants to impress the British

He wants to be a British officer.



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Washington goes to the French fort.

Tells the French to leave the colonists alone and show them more respect (or else!)

The French respond by

...ignoring him.

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Washington attacks a small French scouting party.

An important French man is killed

More French show up and surround Washington and his men

Washington talks himself out and is released

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Now England is mad - Declares war on France.

They fight for seven years (The Seven Years War)

England eventually wins (1763)

The French are kicked out of America.

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The colonists are very grateful to England for coming and rescuing them from the French.

Colonists love England.

Washington expects England to make him a British officer.

But is denied

He is just a colonist.

England also wants the colonists to help pay for the war.

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England decides to give the colonies...

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That's when the problems begin.