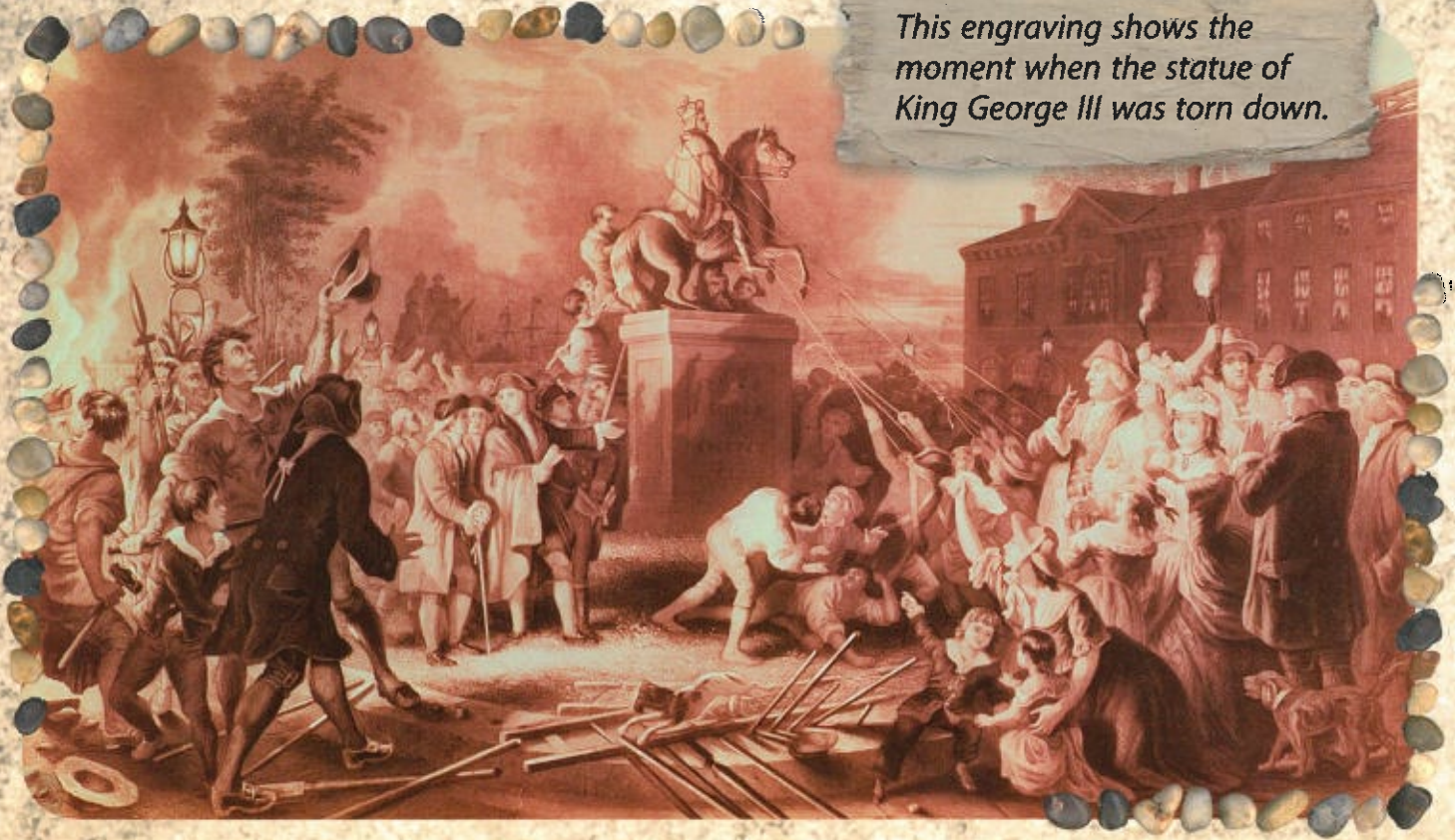


This engraving shows the moment when the statue of King George III was torn down.



Statues Torn Down

Just as people have been building statues since ancient times, they have been pulling them down, too. This often happens to statues in war zones or statues built by leaders as monuments to themselves. In 1776, when the USA was at war with Britain for its independence, a lead statue of King George III was pulled down.

It was used to make bullets to fight the British army.

After 1989, when Soviet rule ended in East Germany, many statues of Soviet leaders were destroyed. In 2003, when the United States army invaded Iraq, many statues of the Iraqi President, Saddam Hussein, were pulled down. And in 2007, angry protestors tore down a bronze statue of the Mexican President, Vicente Fox, just hours after it was erected.



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