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Revolution Primary Source Questions

Petition of Right

1. What are the complaints made by English Freemen in Parts 3, 4, and 6?
2. Read the list of complaints made against the king from the Declaration of Independence. Can you find a similar complaint?

English Bill of Rights

1. List 2 violations of rights by the King that can be found in the DOI.

Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!

1. What lamp guides Mr. Henry? What is the only way to judge the future?
2. How does Mr. Henry describe the purpose of the British military in the colonies?
3. What is the “Storm” Mr. Henry refers to?
   1. What have the colonists done to correct the problem?
   2. What final suggestions does Henry make?

Olive Branch Petition

1. What complaints are lodged against the king’s ministers?
2. What is the tone of this letter?

Common Sense

1. What’s happening to the size of the colonies?
2. What form of government should the colonies have (hint: caps locked words)
3. What’s the problem with the monarchy and aristocracy?
4. What is the only check on the absurdity of absolutism?