

Continental Congress Storyboard: Group Position Presentation

Slide One

Describe the basic perspective you bring to the Continental Congress:

We are the delegation from the colony of Georgia.

Script for Slide 1: (your answer to the central question)

We will sign the Declaration of Independence, and we believe the American colonies are justified in declaring independence from the British.

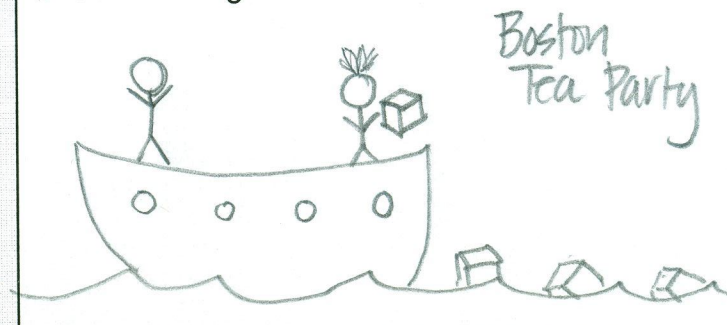
Slide Two

Historical Reason #1 for your position: We think that if people have to pay taxes, they should have a say in their government.

Quote from historical document:

"No taxation without representation!"
- Patriot slogan

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Slide Three

Historical Reason #2 for your position

The British system of mercantilism hurts colonial farmers. Farmers should be able to set their prices and sell who they want to.

Quote from historical document:

"It is so far true of England, that the same tyranny which drove the first emigrants from home, pursues their descendants still!"
- Thomas Paine, Common Sense

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Colonial farm



Slide Four

Historical Reason #3 for your position:

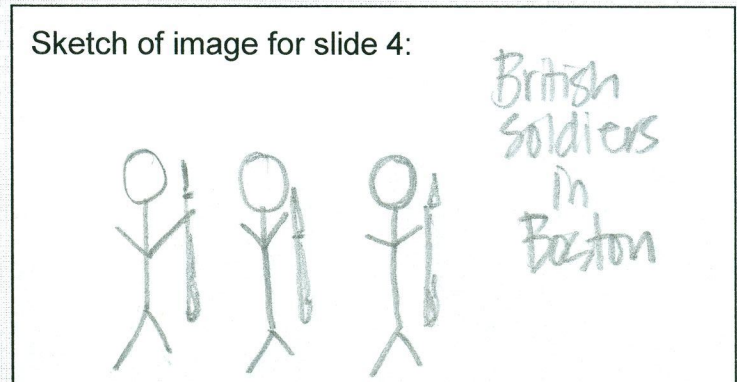
We are concerned that the treatment of the colonists in Massachusetts will spread to other colonies:
quartering, searches and closing of Boston harbor

Quote from historical document:

"Give me liberty or give me death!" - Patrick Henry

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British soldiers in Boston



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Slide Five

Two points your opponents might make:

1. Patriots are violent traitors who terrorize law-abiding people.
2. declaring independence will lead to war.

Our group's answer to the opposition's point of view:

1. The English laws are unjust, and we have a right to not follow them.
2. We have tried many times to work a compromise ~~but~~ with King George. He has left us no other choice.

Slide Six

Restatement of our three main reasons for supporting or opposing the signing of the Declaration of Independence:

1. No taxation without representation.
2. mercantilism hurts farmers.
3. don't want harsh British treatment, like in Mass.

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