

Was the American Revolution Justified?

Your Task: To answer the question, “was the american revolution justified?” using evidence from history as well as a theory of justice

Resources:

- [Stamp act protests](#)
- [Sons of liberty](#)
- [7 events that led to the American Revolution](#): Be sure to click the INTERNAL links in this article as the descriptions themselves are likely too brief to be super useful, but all of the 7 events are hyperlinked to more detailed treatments.
- [Townshend act](#)
- [Boston Tea Party ; Boston Massacre and Tea Acts](#)
- [Intolerable Acts](#) and [HERE](#)

Steps:

1. Ensure that you are familiar with major historical events (above) and perspectives that led to the revolution
2. Ask yourself, “What elements must be present in order for ANY ACT to be justified...” does my answer align with a moral philosophy? If so, identify that philosophy/philosopher.
3. Identify acts of injustice that therefore JUSTIFY the protests of the americans and explain those actions and identify specifically WHY they were unjust
4. Discuss why REVOLUTION WAS or WAS NOT justified. Of course linking the answers/discussion from step 3 above to this conversation.
5. Express your learning in one of the following mediums / product:
 - a. Written
 - b. Video
 - c. Google Slide presentation

Rubric

| <i>You could have improved on these elements</i> | <i>Standard / Expectation</i> | <i>These elements were especially awesome!</i> |
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| | The student(s) have answered the question clearly and all discussion is fully on point. | |
| | Evidence: Evidence cited is accurate and clearly linked to claims that serve to support an overall response to the question (at least 3 pieces of evidence (events) are specifically cited. | |
| | Knowledge: the student(s) clearly understand the history surrounding the event/phenomena in question and have successfully addressed and integrated philosophical ideas (Utilitarianism, Kantianism, Rawls , plato, locke, hobbes) . | |

