

1 | Reading Notes

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Top-Down relationship:

- the aristocrats of America influenced those of the common-people to spark a revolution via pamphlets
- leveraged the frame of preserving democracy

1.1 | British Parliament Breaking Down

1.1.1 | The English civil war shaped American political thought

1.1.2 | Even if thought was ordinary, the populazation and leverage thereof were not claim

1.1.3 | Freedom from prime ministership not enough as legislature largely at the control of the minister

1.2 | British Despotism Spreads to America

1.2.1 | The revolution is a reactionary force countering the potential increasing in streangth by parliament

1.2.2 | Much of the dissident voice in America was constituent of that from dissident voices in England

1.2.3 | Believed that the subjugation that took place after Stamp Act was a clear force of erasure of Freedom in both America and Britain

1.2.4 | Analogies of the stamp act as hellish ministry

1.2.5 | influence on government by customs officials meddling w/ trade dramatically affected colonists

- Stamp act
- Sugar act

1.2.6 | Customs officials created meddlings for the sake of meddings and an anchor of power

1.2.7 | **That the act of allowing the governor to override the jury subverts British constitution**

1.2.8 | **The arrival of British troops stiffened events and worsened the conflict**

1.2.9 | **Tea Act was not the start but the end of England trying to leverage a legal argument; instead, to fully coerce and subjugate the colonies no matter the cost**

1.2.10 | **That a standing army was present a concerning sign of loosing freedom**

... not because there shouldn't be an army, but there was one in a freaking city, which was startling.

1.2.11 | **The power and point of authority from which all procedure is overruled was the favourites of the king**

1.3 | **The Reactions and Results of the Spread**

1.3.1 | **By 1776 the American Identity was formed** **claim**

1.3.2 | **The controvertial thoughts of reform is made as the dominant voice in America**

1.3.3 | **Primary goal of Revolution was to restore the political liberty threatened by corruption** **claim**

1.3.4 | **Americans Denied the British Constitution, hence treated as second-class Britons**

1.3.5 | **Realization that the royal designs of the system was to subvert the constitution**

- Judiciary served at-will
- Salaries determined by the crown

1.3.6 | **John Wikes' election to the British parlament celebrated as a moment that potentially will lead to more freedoms/rights of colonists**

1.3.7 | **Two events with similar parallels demanding freedom echoed each other**

1.3.8 | **believed that england was intent in crushing colonies**

1.3.9 | **Americans felt "enslaved"**

1.3.10 | **Believes that the process of subjugation signaled the end of the British constitutionality**

1.3.11 | **Propergated the idea of a potentially corrupted force forward**

1.3.12 | Originally convinced that England will overcome the corruption, but it didn't**1.3.13 | Rome's fall as a proxy for England's**

- First, the two countries were both prosperous
- Then, various musicians, pimps, etc. moved in
- Swift decline caused by corruption which was caused by riches and luxuries

1.3.14 | Figured England was too old**1.4 | The Systems that cause the Spread****1.4.1 | Colonists wrote amply regarding situation**

Which likely allowed greater access to historiography.

1.4.2 | Broad sides allowed easy distribution of propaganda

Broad sides: single sheets of note that allowed small essays

1.4.3 | Early thoughts of the revolution appeared in the form of pamphlets**1.4.4 | American pamphletters wanted to fight with logic and reason instead of trying to annihilate their opponents****1.5 | The Nature of America****1.5.1 | That the Revolution was mere popularizers of already-devised thought****1.5.2 | Voice of the manifest of destiny**

That the goal of America is to be the fulfillment of Liberty

1.5.3 | Theories of American subjugation

1. One explanation of the subjugation was an act that wants to result in subjugation of wealth
2. America was the last place where British control has not fully propagated
3. The richness of America actually conveyed, which then caused outpouring of desire :NOTER_{PAGE}: (33 . 0.20621931260229132)

1.5.4 | "If England is becoming corrupt, America is the last hope left"**1.5.5 | :claim: the cause of America is one of self preservation and final defense**

1.5.6 | **America is an countering *idea* to that of English corruption**

- Corruption as something that accumulates into a larger whole

1.5.7 | **Corruption became all-consuming**