

# 1 | General Information

Due Date	Topic	Important Documents
10/12	American Revolution	- Ideological Origins - Marketplace of Revolution

Basically, Causes for the Revolution. How?

# 2 | Prompt

Synthesis about the causes of the Revolution! Have a counter argument...

Was the Revolution more of a top-down or bottom-up process? In other words, did the motivation and ideology originate in the upper classes and then trickle down to the lower, or did it spread among the lower classes and slowly spread to the upper? Or was this a dynamic process, and if so what propelled it?

# 3 | Claim Synthesis

## 3.1 | Societal observations

- Top Political: Originally convinced that England will overcome the corruption, but it didn't
- Bottom Economical: The slump in economy was a tangible touchpoint for colonists w.r.t. adverse affects of British associations
- Shared: John Wikes' election to the British parliament celebrated as a moment that potentially will lead to more freedoms/rights of colonists — tied economic (stamp act) interests and parliamentary representation together

## 3.2 | ...which creates believes...

- Top Political: Believes that the process of subjugation signaled the end of the British constitutionality
- Bottom Economical: Wished to achieve higher autonomy of manufacturing (to avoid taxation?)
- Shared: Believed that the subjugation that took place after Stamp Act was a clear force of erasure of Freedom in both America and Britain — tied economic events (taxes) and British despotism

## 3.3 | ...that makes rev happen

- Top Political: One of Rev's goals was to restore the political freedoms erased by corruption
- Bottom Economical: Overpurchasing and reliance in commercialism as a form of "slavish dependence"
- Rhetoric for frugality shifted from as a form of preserving humble provincial origins to that of an act of patriotism