

AP United States History

Enlightenment and Unity

- Sovereignty Debated
 - At this point, most colonists were loyal to the British
 - It was a minority of colonists who wanted independence
 - By 1770, many American leaders believed that British were exploiting colonies
- Enlightenment Questions
 - Colonial leaders base calls for resistance against Britain on:
 - What are the rights of the British Subjects?
 - What are the rights of the individuals
 - Concerns were risen such as the Social Contract, Natural Rights, Consent of the Governed, Taxation without representation
 - Deism: The idea that God created the universe, but believed he has left it alone