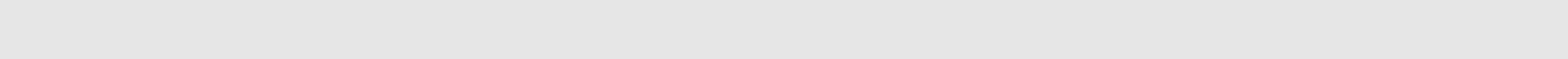


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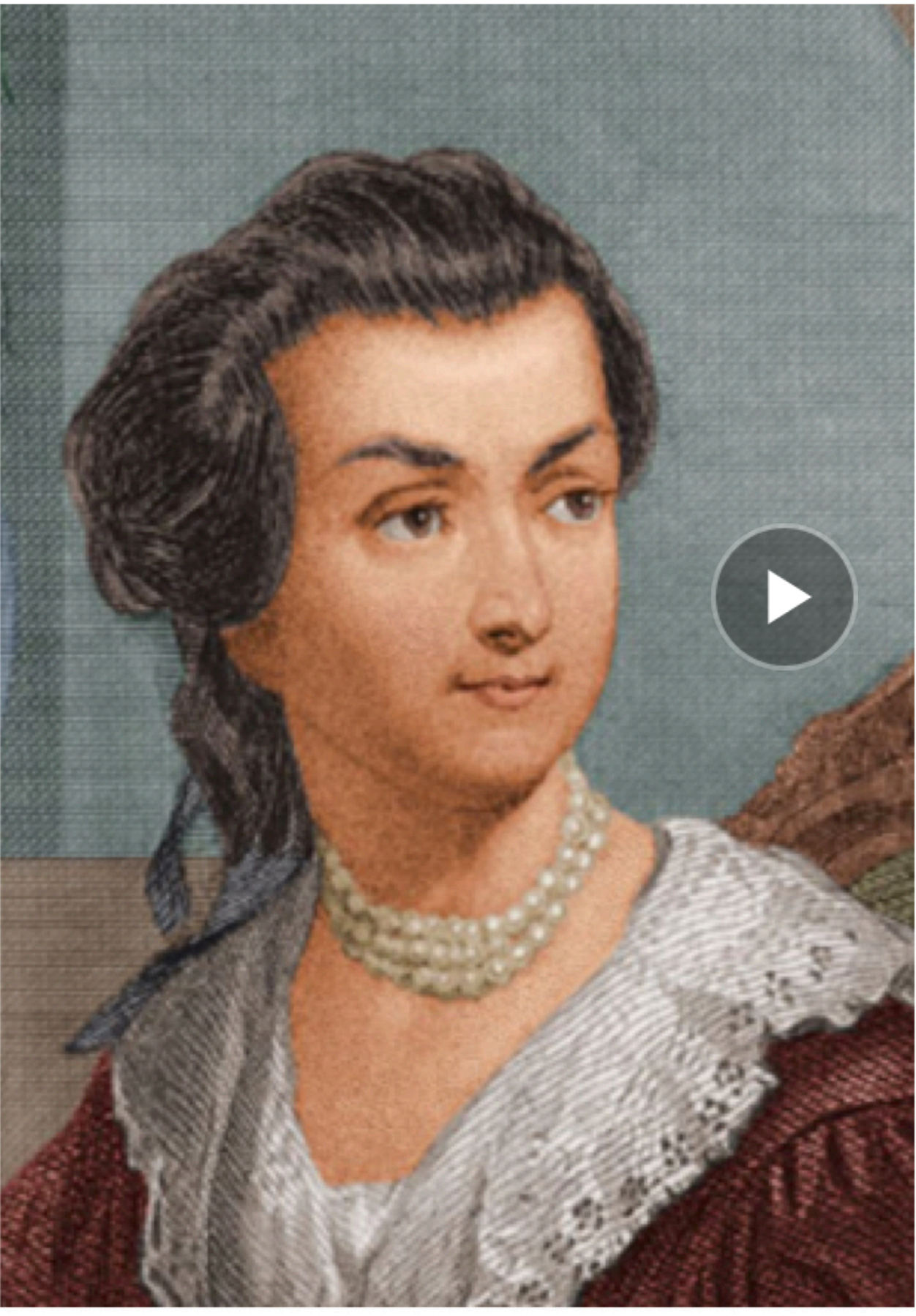
Reading her letter of 31 Mar-05 Apr 1776 <https://tinyurl.com/dl20180226a> to her 10 years-older husband John Adams, and parsing out what it tells us about the liberties and constraints of an upper-class woman in the pre-industrial pre-demographic transition commercial revolution age:



Abigail Smith Adams

<<https://tinyurl.com/dl20180226a>>: Letter to John Adams 31 Mar-5 Apr 1776: Things to note about the letter as you read it:

1. Speling...
2. Public concerns:
 - Suspicion of Virginia...
 - State of Boston after the occupation...
 - Power of the colonies to resist...
 - Soapmaking... saltpeter... gunpowder...
3. Private concerns:
 - Family security...
 - “Gorge the Eldest... Billy the youngest... Becky Peck... your brother’s youngest child lies bad with convulsion fits...”
 - Why don’t you write more, and at longer length?
4. Feminist concerns...



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