

Should the King Declare War?

Common Sense Activities for the Revolutionary Student



Name: _____

- ✓ Read: "The Olive Branch Petition" (page 85)
- ✓ Read: "A Proclamation for Rebellion and Sedition" (page 97)
- ✓ Review: Timeline (pages 3-8)

The colonists are not backing down from their demands and complaints (but they do want to stay British). A majority of the colonists are not even *considering* independence—even in 1775! They believe Parliament is to blame for most of the quarrels, and they are still very loyal to the king. However, after receiving The "Olive Branch Petition," the King essentially declares war against his own colonies!

You be king for a while. Write down all the pros and cons you can think of before declaring war on your own citizens across the Atlantic Ocean. The first line is filled in to help you get started.

Did King George III make the right decision?

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Colonists are destroying tea	Colonists are still British Citizens

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