

CONTRASTING PERSPECTIVES: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Part 1: Analyzing Views

Read each news headline and article below. Then complete the Analyzing Views table by analyzing the text.

British Perspective	<p>Headline: Colony Rebellion Threatens British Empire</p> <p>Article: Today, King George III met with Parliament to discuss the treacherous impact of unrest in the colonies. Representatives agreed that this treason must be put to rest but left many questions unanswered. The House of Lords voiced concerns about overseas investments. Merchants expressed fear that a rebellion will impact trade deals. Parliament to answer more concerns about the stability of the British Empire soon.</p>
Native American Perspective	<p>Headline: Six Nations Divided as Conflict Raises Concerns Over Land and Sovereignty</p> <p>Article: Neutrality in this conflict is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. We may soon be forced to choose sides. The six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy are divided. While some nations believe the colonists support a noble cause, other nations have been promised land and goods if they fight for Britain. No matter which side you support, we should all be dedicated to protecting our sovereignty and territory first.</p>
American Colonist Perspective	<p>Headline: Colonies Unite in Defense of Liberty and Freedom from King's Tyranny</p> <p>Article: Representatives from all states organized a meeting with the Continental Congress to discuss rebellion against British tyranny. Individual liberties are at risk under the rule of King George. Colonists should do their part by continuing to boycott British goods. If we do not unite to resist the King together, tyranny may further divide us.</p>

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Perspective	British	Native American	American Colonist
Main Claim			
Author's Purpose			
Tone			
What Is Emphasized?			
What Is Left Out?			

Part 2: Comparing Perspectives

1. How do the three perspectives differ in how they describe the conflict?
2. Which perspective focuses most on liberty? Which focuses most on order or protection? Explain.
3. How does each author's perspective influence what details are included?
4. Why might each group view the conflict differently?