

Teacher Handout 5.5 Road to American Revolution

Grade Standard Teacher Key

Quote from source	Vocabulary	Closer read	What is he saying? Use your own words to summarize the meaning of the statement.
1. THE spirit with which <u>you</u> have of late opposed the stamp act, shews, that <u>you</u> have taken upon <u>you</u> , to think something of affairs.	affairs: politics and activism in government	Who is the <i>you</i> that the author refers to? You are the patriotic Sons of Liberty or men who oppose the Stamp Act.	He writes that the Stamp Act led men in Boston to become interested in politics.
2. Go on my friends, and inquire further:	inquire: to ask, to investigate	What might it look like to inquire further? To pay more attention to politics, to ask questions of governing officials.	He wants people to ask questions and get involved.
3. It is the proper business of every man, who is governed by laws, to study into the nature of those laws; and wherever he finds an error, point it out, in order for amendment.	amendment: to change something for the better	What specifically does he want men to do? Study laws and point out the errors in the laws.	Every man should learn about laws and government, form an opinion, and then suggest ways that laws can be improved.
4. I <u>beg</u> of you go on, and inquire into the constitution and economy of this government:		Why do you think he uses the word <i>beg</i> ? By pleading and using this word, the reader can understand that what he is suggesting is very important.	It is important for everyone to explore how government and the economy work.
5. And if your rights and liberties are invaded, study what measures you must take for redress;	redress: to fix something that is broken or wrong	What do you think a right or liberty was that people had at that time? Student responses may vary.	If you feel that your freedoms have been taken away, you need to figure out how to resolve this issue.
6. and be, (as you were in the late case of the stamp act) united to those measures,	measures: actions	What does he think people should be? United and working together.	As with colonists' responses to the Stamp Act, people should work together.
7. and you are morally certain of success and remedy.	morally: correct behavior remedy: to fix or correct something	Look at excerpts 6 and 7 and consider: what does he argue here? He argues that if people	Success is guaranteed.

		work together they are certain to succeed at their goals.	
The method you have taken to put a stop to the stamp act, . . . are, for aught I know, the only method to oppose despotism	aught: all despotism: absolute power, not sharing power	What is the method he is referring to? Colonists working together to oppose what they see as improper governance.	By working together, as when colonists protested to stop the Stamp Act, people can stop government overreach and abuse of power.