

Zinn Chapter 4: Tyranny is Tyranny

Reading Questions

1. Below are a series of arguments (a-k). For each argument, identify an example (detail/data) from the chapter that supports the argument. (Note: One example might be used to illustrate more than one of the arguments below, but try to find a different example for each argument.)

- a. *"... they [took] over land, profits and political power from favorites of the British Empire."*
- b. *"... create a consensus of popular support for the rule of a new, privileged leadership."*
- c. *"... mirroring as well as molding popular opinion."*
- d. *"... mobilization of lower-class energy by upper-class politicians..."*
- e. *" class hatred be... deflected from the nationalist elite."*
- f. *"...class hatred be... focused against the pro-British elite..."*
- g. *"... they [won] over the mechanics..."*
- h. *"... [the local elites kept] the property-less people... under control... [by using the] mob energy against England, but also [contained] it so that it would not demand too much of them."*
- i. *"... language... specific enough in its listing of grievances to change people with anger against the British, vague enough to avoid class conflict among the rebels..."*
- j. *"... language [to] persuade even those who had grievances against one another to turn against England."*
- k. *"... without disturbing too much the relations of wealth and power that had developed over 150 years of colonial history."*

2. What role did each of the following events listed below play in causing conflict between A) the colonial elites and England (or their representatives), or 2) the colonial people (lower orders) and the colonial elites, or 3) colonial people (lower orders) and England (or their representatives in America)? {note: you may need to use other sources other than Zinn}

A. French and Indian War:

B. Growth of trade between England and its American colonies:

C. Proclamation Line of 1763:

D. "... six black rebellions...and forty riots" all occurring between 1676 and 1760:

E. Stamp Act of 1765:

F. Regulator Movement:

G. Townsend Acts of 1767:

H. Impressment of sailors

I. Impounding of ships in admiralty courts under the specifications of the Sugar Act:

J. Tea Act of 1773:

K. Boston Port Act of 1773