

## **Examining Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" Speech**

Patrick Henry made his famous speech while trying to convince his fellow delegates, such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, to vote for his resolution to arm the colonial militia.

His resolution stated: "Resolved therefore that his Colony be immediately put into a posture of Defence," that a Committee be appointed "to prepare a Plan for embodying, arming, and disciplining such a Number of Men as may be sufficient for that purpose."

Patrick Henry's speech lists the reasons why he thinks England has no plans to make peace with the colonies.

Read the copy of the speech and circle the correct reasons listed below that list why Patrick Henry thinks England is preparing to fight the colonists in Virginia.

### **Reasons:**

England wants more corn.

England has ships and armies nearby, with no other enemy around.

Colonies have tried for ten years to come to agreement over troubles, but England will not compromise.

Parliament has sent representatives to work out a solution.

The colonies have a representative in Parliament.

Patrick Henry thinks the war has begun in Boston already.