

## English 10/Mrs. Spain

### Patriot: Patrick Henry

You can take notes on the life of Patrick Henry on the back of this sheet.

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Define Imagery:

Define Allusion:

Define Persuasion:

Define Logical Appeal:

Define Emotional Appeal:

In his speech to the Virginia House of Burgesses, Patrick Henry advocated revolt against Britain by using imagery and parallel structure to build the climax: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Henry respects his audience, but he criticizes their unwillingness for confrontation. He explains that the decision to take up arms or not is a matter of freedom or slavery. He uses rhetorical questions to point out the fact that the British refuse a peaceful settlement. He declares that war is inevitable, and that the Americans must rise and fight!

### Words Create Action

You have learned about why the colonists grew resentful of British rule, the ways in which the colonists united to achieve independence, and the new government they created following the revolution. Independence was a costly and difficult endeavor, but the colonists believed that it was a goal worth fighting for. Henry, was especially adamant about his desire for freedom.

1. Henry argued that war was the only option left for the colonies, since they had already tried every other way to reach an agreement with Britain. In what ways had the colonies attempted a peaceful resolution with Britain?
2. Describe Henry's belief about the importance of *truth*.
3. What examples did Henry give to show that the British had no intention of peaceful reconciliation with the colonies?
4. Do you agree or disagree with Henry's arguments? Was war the only option left for the colonists? How are conflicts between countries today different from conflicts during the colonial period?

**5. (Start with this one.)** As you and your group read, list examples of:

A. Allusions

B. Logical appeal

C. Emotional appeal