



NO VOICE, NO CHOICE! Vocabulary

Civic Vocabulary Terms

- Tyranny – When a ruler or government uses power in a cruel or unfair way.
- Representation – Having someone speak or act on your behalf in government.
- Taxation – The system of collecting money or goods from people to support the government.
- Consent of the Governed – The idea that a government's power comes from people who agree to be ruled.
- Rebellion – An organized resistance or uprising against authority.
- Protest – An action, like a speech, boycott, or march, that shows opposition to something.
- Revenue – Money collected by the government through taxes or fees.
- Debt – Money that is owed to someone else.
- Stamp Act – A British law that taxed all kinds of printed papers in the colonies.
- Townshend Acts – Taxes placed on imports like glass, lead, paint, paper, and tea.
- James Otis – A lawyer in colonial Massachusetts who spoke out strongly against British taxes. He is famous for saying, "Taxation without representation is tyranny."
- Patrick Henry – Remembered for declaring, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" He argued that British taxes and laws were unjust because colonists had no say in them.
- Daniel Shays – A Revolutionary War veteran who led a rebellion against unfair taxes and debt in Massachusetts.