



COLONIAL COURTROOM CHAOS!

Vocabulary

Civic Vocabulary Terms

- **Due Process** – Fair treatment under the law; the government must follow rules before taking someone's rights.
- **Jury Trial** – A legal case decided by a group of ordinary people (peers), not just a judge.
- **Arbitrary Rule** – Decisions made by one person in power without fairness or clear laws.
- **Consent of the Governed** – The idea that a government's power comes from the people agreeing to be ruled.
- **Grievance** – A formal complaint, especially against unfair treatment by a government.
- **Self-Incrimination** – Saying something that shows you are guilty of a crime.
- **Civil Liberties** – Basic rights and freedoms that protect people from government overreach.
- **Rule of Law** – The idea that laws, not people's personal wishes, should govern society fairly and equally.
- **Rule of Man** – When leaders rule based on their own power or wishes rather than fair laws.
- **Property Rights** – The right to own and control what you own.
- **Public Trial** – The idea that trials should be open to the public so that everyone can see the process is being followed fairly.
- **Presumption of Innocence** – The idea someone is considered innocent until proven guilty and there must be enough evidence to convince a judge or jury that someone is guilty