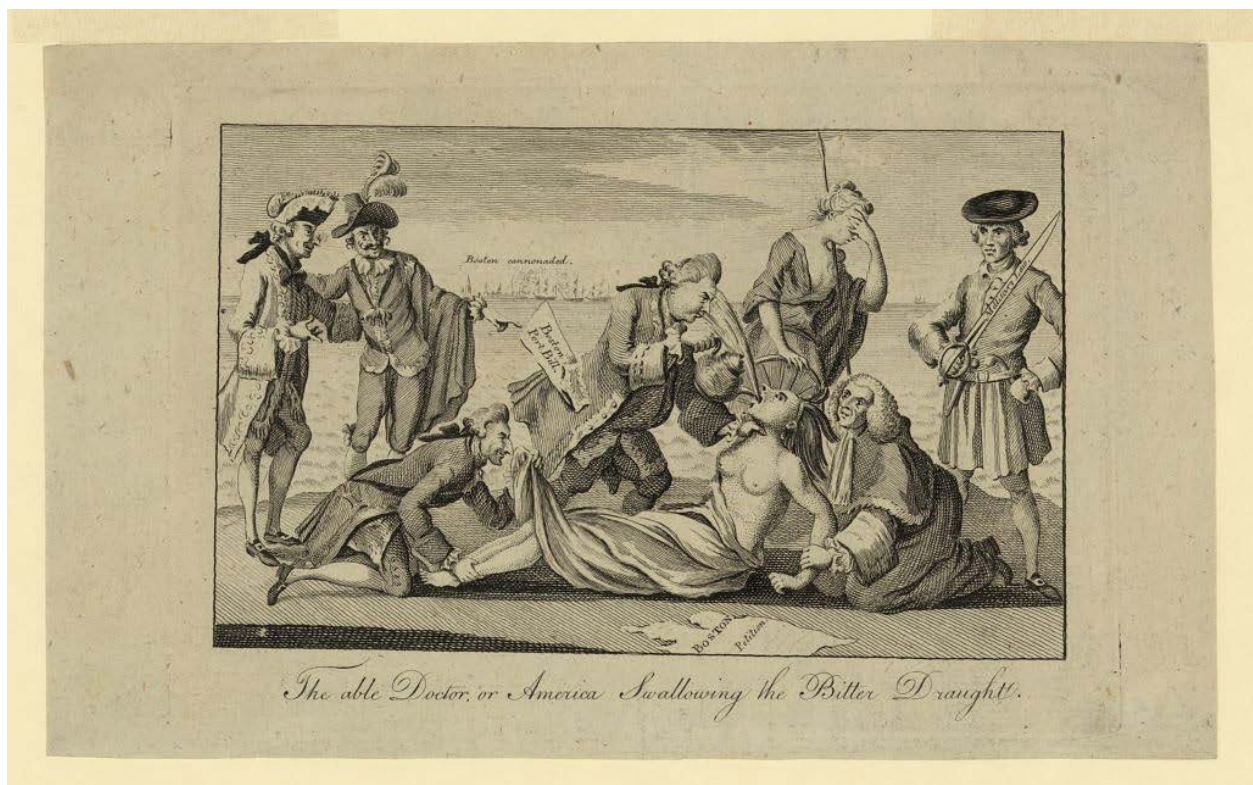


Revolution Original Sources
History as a Human Creation
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Instructions

Review the following collection of sources and construct a narrative from these sources -- and these sources only. You will be drawing on your own knowledge and analysis of the documents in front of you. Write out your story and we will share them at the end of class *Have fun with this!* There are no rules about narrative style. That is up to you! After producing your narrative, write down at least 3 questions for further research.



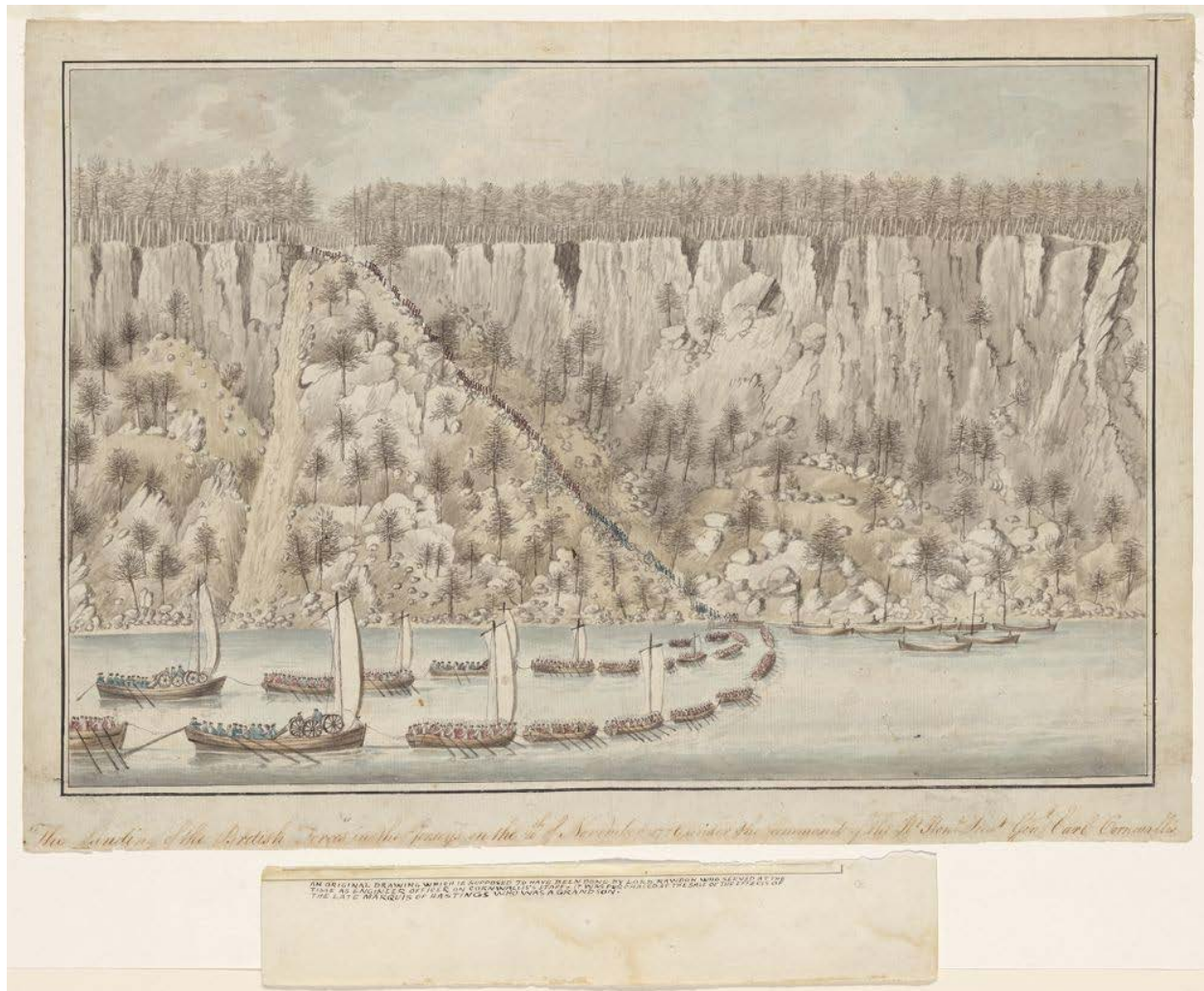
"The able doctor, or, America swallowing the bitter draught." London, April 1774. Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.



"The Bloody Massacre perpetrated in King Street, Boston on March 5th 1770 by a party of the 29th Regiment." Engraving by Paul Revere. Boston, 1770. Massachusetts Historical Society.



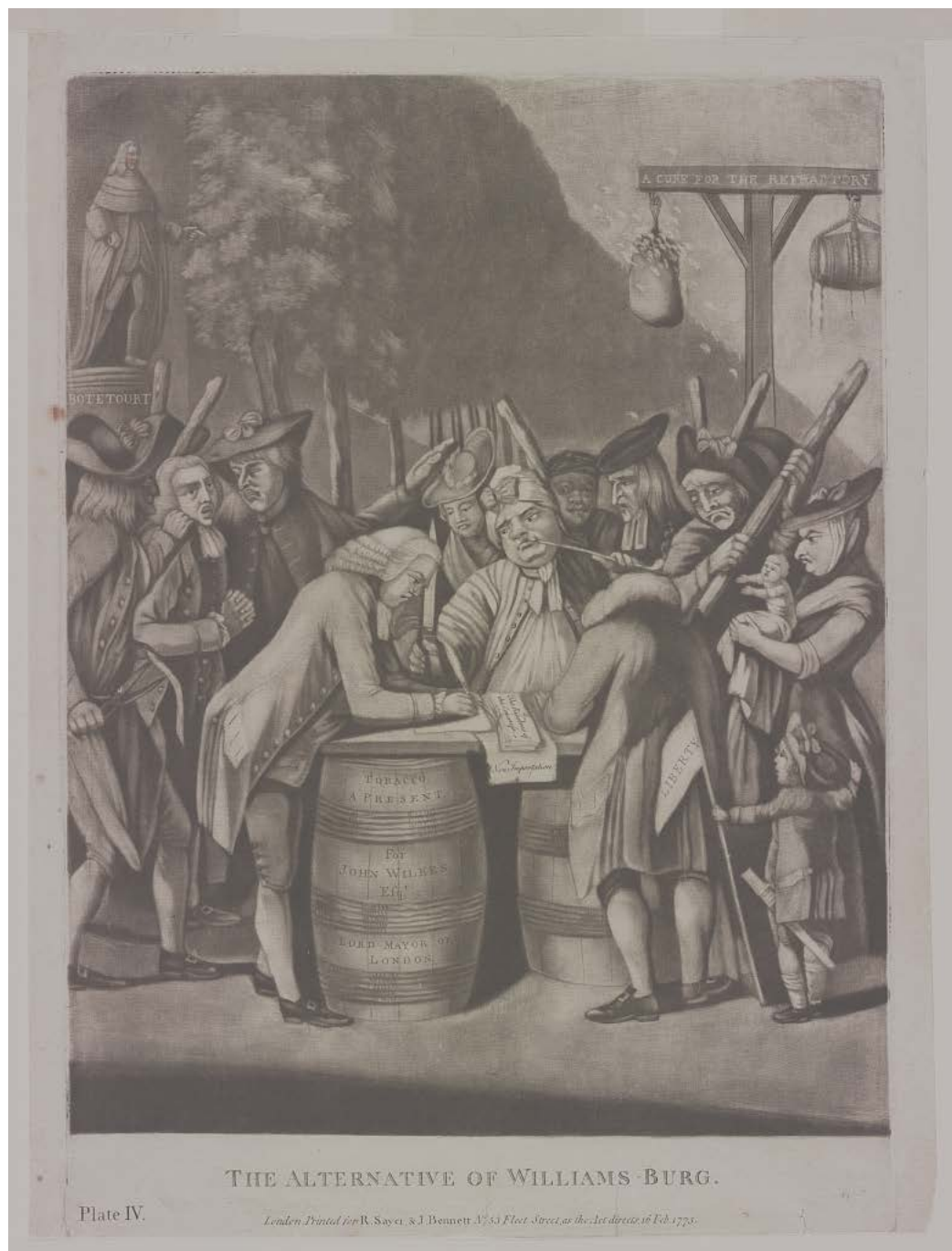
“Boston Massacre of 5 March 1770, with an emphasis on the death of Crispus Attucks.”
Chromolithography by William L. Champney and J. H. Bufford. 1856. The Boston Athenaeum.



"The landing of the British forces in the Jerseys on the 20th of November 1776 under the command of the Rt. Honl. Lieut. Genl. Earl Cornwallis." Thomas Davis, 1776. The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs, New York Public Library.



"The battle of Lexington April 1775." Amos Doolittle. Marion S. Carson Collection, Library of Congress.



"The alternative of Williams-burg." Robert Sayer and John Bennett, publisher. Philip Dawe, artists. London, Feb. 16, 1775. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.

peace, the fugitives are returning to their deserted habitations
tho we felicitate ourselves, we sympa-
thize with those who are humbling least the lot of Boston
should be theirs. They cannot be in similar circumstances
unless pusillanimity & cowardice should take possession of
them. They have time & warning given them to see
the evil, & shun it. I long to hear that you have de-
clared an independency - and by the way in the new
code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you
to make I desire you would remember the ladies, &
be more generous & favourable to them than your ancestors
do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the
Husbands, remember all Men would be tyrants if they
could. if particular care & attention is not paid to the
ladies we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will
not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have
no voice, or representation. That your sex are naturally
tyrannical is a truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no
dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the
haughty title of Mistress for the more tender & endearing one of friend
why then not put it out of the power of the vicious & the

From the Adams Family Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society. Not to be reproduced without permission.

Lawless to use us with cruelty & indignity ^{with impunity} Men of sense in all
ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your
sex. Regard us then as beings placed by providence under your protection
& in imitation of the Supreme Being make use of that power
only for our happiness -

Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776. Adams Family Papers, Massachusetts Historical Society.

Transcription:

Tho we felicitate ourselves, we sympathize with those who are trembling least the Lot of Boston should be theirs. But they cannot be in similar circumstances unless pusillanimity and cowardise should take possession of them. They have time and warning given them to see the Evil and shun it. -- I long to hear that you have declared an independency -- and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If perticular care and attention is not paid to the Laidies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation.

That your Sex are Naturally Tyrannical is a Truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender and endearing one of Friend. Why then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the

Lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity. Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex. Regard us then as Beings placed by providence under your protection and in immitation of the Supreem Being make use of that power only for our happiness.

J. Williams

J. STRONG

The American CRISIS.

By the Author of COMMON SENSE.

THESE are the times that try mens souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: 'Tis dearest only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to set a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so colonial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to TAX) but "to BIND us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER," and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there no such thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious, for to unlimited a power can belong only to God.

Whether the independence of the Continent was declared too soon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own simple opinion is, that had it been eight months earlier, it would have been much better. We did not make a proper use of last winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependent state. However, the fault, if it were one, was all our own; we have none to blame but ourselves. But no great deal is lost yet; all that Howe has been doing for this month past is rather a ravage than a conquest, which the spirit of the Jerseys a year ago would have quickly repelled, and which time and a little resolution will soon recover.

* "The present winter" (meaning the last) "is worth an age, if rightly employed, but if lost, or neglected, the whole continent will partake of the evil; and there is no punishment that man does not deserve, be he who, or what, or where he will, that may be the means of sacrificing a season so precious and useful."

COMMON SENSE.