

Rights - Divine and English


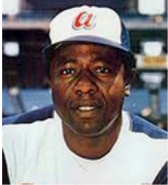
Unit 6, Lesson 2

Essential Question

Why were the British people so proud to be British by 1763?

Warm Up- Task 1

Read these two quotes. With a partner, discuss the question below.

Quote 1 [modified]	Quote 2
 <p>I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.</p> <p>Abraham Lincoln (former U.S. President)</p>	 <p>I am very proud to be an American. This country has so much potential, I'd just like to see things better...and I think it will be.</p> <p>Hank Aaron (Hall of Fame baseball player)</p>

In what ways are the quotes from Abraham Lincoln and Hank Aaron similar and different?

Warm Up- Task 2

Work with a partner to answer the questions in the three columns that appear below.

What are some things that can make us proud to be Americans?	What are some things that you do that can make America proud of you?	What are some things that our country might do better?

In this lesson, you will learn...

- about the government of Great Britain (England) and the rights of the people who lived within the British empire, and
- why people were proud to be Englishmen around 1763

Overview of England's Government

1. Read Resource 2: Overview of England's Government
1. While reading, find the answers to the questions posed as section headers.
1. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class

Resource 2: Overview of England's Government

The 13 colonies that would become the United States of America - our country - were part of Great Britain (England) from 1607-1776. The colonies broke away from Great Britain in 1776. In the next few lessons, you will learn about the time period from 1763-1776 so that you can understand why the 13 colonies broke away from Great Britain.

What was the Government of Great Britain (England) Like?

The two main parts of Britain's government were the legislature and the monarch. A **legislature** makes laws. A **monarch** is a king or queen. At this time in history, Britain had a king. His title was King George III. He became king of Great Britain in 1760. The painting of King George III to the right was painted in 1762.



The Legislature: England's legislature was and is still called "Parliament." A legislature makes the laws. Voters in Britain elected the people in Parliament to represent them. This is why they are called representatives. It is the same as if every classroom in your school got to choose one student to help make the rules for your school. Everyone in your class could tell that student how you wanted him or her to vote. In this way, you would be represented. Most people really like this kind of government.

Everyone who was part of Britain (even the colonists in America) considered this idea of having lawmakers who represent them to be one of their most important rights - the right to elect representatives who make laws. They were very proud to live in a country that had this kind of government.

This next point is EXTREMELY important. Even though Parliament in England could make laws that the English colonists in America had to obey, the colonists in America were NOT given the right to vote for members of Parliament. Only people living in England could vote for members of Parliament. As long as Parliament did not pass laws that the colonists did not like, they were OK with not being allowed to vote for the lawmakers in Parliament.

PAUSE: Why were the people of Great Britain so proud of the kind of government that they had? Why might some colonists living in America not be as proud?

How Did a Person Become King or Queen - Divine Right Theory

For a very long time, the people of Great Britain accepted an idea called **Divine Right**. It is easy to understand. The idea was that **God** gave the monarch - king or queen - the right to rule over the people in the British empire. In other words, God chose who should be king or queen, not voters. Think about this, if God gave the king or queen the right to rule, this meant that no mere human

Britain's Government Illustrated


Questions to Consider

1. Based on information presented, why would people in the British empire hold their king or queen in such high regard?
2. What did Parliament do? Why were people so proud of their Parliament?
3. Who was and was not allowed to vote for members of Parliament?
4. Who was guaranteed the rights of Englishmen?




Reflection

Answer these questions as if you were living in England in 1763.



Predict the future based on this question



Resource 4: Reflect on Learning

Directions: Now that you have learned some things about the government of Great Britain back in 1763, spend a few minutes answering the questions on the chart below as if you were living in England in 1763. Then, predict the future based on the question below the chart.

What are some things that made people proud to be Englishmen?	What are some things that people could have done to make England proud of them?	What are some things that could have been done better?

Predict: What might happen in the future that might cause the people in the 13 British colonies to want to break away from England?

Check for Understanding

Take this time to check your understanding of *Rights - Divine and English*.

Resource 5: Checks for Understanding

A timeline of British History appears below.

Date	Event
1215	King John forced to sign the Magna Carta
1649	King Charles I is executed (killed)
1688	Glorious Revolution
1760	George III became King of Great Britain (England)
1776	13 colonies in America break away from Britain

- Which of the following is a conclusion that we can draw from this timeline?
 - the British were peaceful people
 - the most popular king in British history was Charles 1
 - the 13 colonies became unhappy after George III became King
 - the Glorious Revolution caused King John to sign the Magna Carta
- Decide which of the following events are CAUSES or EFFECTS of the British people getting more rights. Write each bulleted statement into the CAUSES or EFFECTS column below depending on whether they are causes or effects.
 - King Charles acted like a tyrant
 - British people were proud to be British
 - Glorious Revolution
 - People's property was protected

British People Get More Rights	
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