

Zinn Assignments 4

ZINN CHAPTER 4

Study Questions

1. What is the thesis of this chapter?
2. According to Zinn, how did the creation of the United States benefit the upper class?
3. Describe the disproportionate distribution of wealth in Boston, Philadelphia, and New York.
4. Why were both Loyalists and leaders of the Revolution concerned about the lower classes in Philadelphia.
5. What major issues fueled the Regulator movement?
6. What was General Gage's observation vis-à-vis the leaders of the movement against the Stamp Act?
7. What advice did colonial leaders including -- Samuel Adams and James Otis -- give to the people concerning the Townshend Acts?
8. What class did the leaders of the Sons of Liberty come from? What was their goal?
9. What was the significance of Patrick Henry's oratory?
10. What was one of John Adam's concerns vis-à-vis Thomas Paine's Common Sense?
11. According to Zinn, who does Paine really represent?
12. What groups of Americans were deprived of the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence?
13. What is the irony Zinn tries to convey concerning John Locke?
14. Explain the statement: "Tyranny is Tyranny let it come from whom it may."