

## INTERVIEW WITH KING GEORGE III

### Profile of King George III

- **Born:** June 4, 1738, **Died:** January 29, 1820
- **Birthplace:** London, England
- **King:** 1760-1820 (2<sup>nd</sup> longest ever!)
- **Nickname:** The Farmer (he loved agriculture)

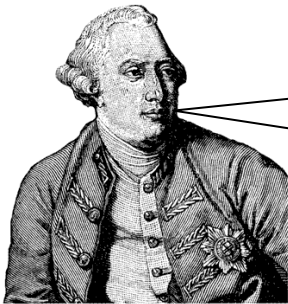
**Detective:** Parliament is in the process of passing Acts in order to raise some money to pay off your huge national debt (the equivalent of 240 million dollars today.) What gives you the British government the right to pass these taxes?



“There must always be one tax to keep up the right [to tax the American colonies]”

- King George III

**Detective:** Many British colonists argue that you don't know what is best for people living in America? How do you respond to those critics?



“I desire what is good. Therefore, everyone who does not agree with me is a traitor.”

-King George III

**Detective:** Do you have any other justification for these acts?

**King George:** The British government is only asking the colonists to pay a third of some of the costs incurred defending them from the Native Americans and the French. We also need to govern this new territory-taxes are a necessary step to maintain the British Empire. The colonists have enjoyed the benefits of our trade and protection for many years; it is time for everyone to do their part!