

RS#34 History Lab Document Log Answer Key

Overarching Question: Should the colonists have revolted against Great Britain?

Document Name: *The Edenton "Tea Party"*

Type of Document: *Letter to newspaper with quote from proclamation*

Date of Document: *Letter—October 27, 1774; Proclamation—October 25, 1774*

Author of Document: *Letter—unknown; Proclamation—Female association, see signatures*

Author Information: *The letter of unknown author was printed in the Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser on January 31, 1775. The ladies that took part in the Edenton Tea Party refused to buy British tea or cloth and signed a proclamation to show their support.*

Intended Audience: *The letter was published in a newspaper, so the general public; The proclamation was also to the general public*

Purpose for Writing: *The letter was written to inform the general public about the tea party that took place in Edenton, North Carolina. The proclamation was written as a form of organized female rebellion.*

Do **the signers of the proclamation** think the colonists should revolt against Great Britain?

Text Support
<i>We must have an opinion on this matter, as it affects the public good of everyone in the country.</i>
<i>They owe it to their family and friends and themselves to sign this document.</i>
<i>The document is evidence of their intention and determination to support the tea boycott.</i>

Author's Perspective: *The ladies who participated in the Edenton Tea Party believed they had to take a stand and demonstrate their support for the tea boycott. They did not want to buy British tea or cloth and owed it their family, friends, and themselves to make a point. We can infer that the women would support a revolt against Great Britain.*