

RS#35 History Lab Document Log Answer Key

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

Document Name: *A Society of Patriotic Ladies, at Edenton in North Carolina*

Type of Document: *Political cartoon*

Date of Document: *March, 1775*

Author of Document: *Unknown cartoonist*

Author Information: *Cartoon was published in a London newspaper*

Intended Audience: *British society*

Purpose for Writing: *To make fun of Edenton women and possibly male Patriots*

Does this **political cartoonist** think the colonists should revolt against Great Britain?

Text Support
<i>"A Society of Patriotic Ladies, at Edenton in North Carolina"</i>
<i>Women are signing a long scroll with feather pens. A woman in the center is signing while flirting with a man.</i>
<i>Women dumping tea into a hat and are drinking it. A dog is urinating on a box of tea.</i>
<i>Women are dressed in elegant clothing, but have male faces.</i>

Author's Perspective: *This political cartoon was published in a London newspaper in 1775. The cartoonist wanted to make British society aware of the Edenton Ladies' Tea Party and the proclamation they organized and signed to not drink British tea. The cartoonist drew the women in elegant clothing, but with male faces, to make fun of the fact that women were getting involved in politics, a historically male role. He also drew the women drinking tea and flirting with men to show that they aren't truly serious about their proclamation. By making fun of the women, the cartoonist is making light of the situation and not taking their perspective seriously. The cartoonist doesn't seem to support the colonists' revolt.*