

RS#39: History Lab Document Log Answer Key

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

Document Name: *“The Disturbances in America give great trouble to all our Nations”*: Mohawk Joseph Brant Comes to London to See the King, 1776

Type of Document: *Secondary source—address/speech*

Date of Document: *1776*

Author of Document: *Dictated by Joseph Brant and taken down by Jo. Chew., Secretary*

Author Information: *Mohawk war chief, interpreter, statesmen, and British military leader*

Intended Audience: *King George III*

Purpose for Writing: *To tell the king about his people’s grievances*

Does **Joseph Brant** think the colonists should revolt against Great Britain?

Text Support
<i>The Native Americans have an attachment to the British king.</i>
<i>The Native Six Nations are troubled by stories they are hearing.</i>
<i>Many Indian warriors were killed in a battle where they defended their land against the colonists because the British soldiers didn’t help them. They just sat back at home.</i>
<i>The king’s subjects are cheating the Native Americans out of land when they already have so much that they’ve paid so little for.</i>

Author’s Perspective: *Joseph Brant swears allegiance to the king of England but is not very happy with him. The British soldiers are not helping the Native Americans to defend their land against the colonists and the British people are trying to trick the Indians out of their land. He seems to want the king’s help in punishing the colonists and some of the British subjects. Brant supports the king in his endeavor to prevent the colonists’ revolt but also cares about the needs of his people.*