

THE KING'S TAX: ROLE PLAY GAME



Objective:

Your child will be able to explain why colonists were upset with the taxation laws enacted by the British Parliament.

Set the scene:

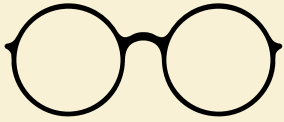
You, the teacher, are the King. Choose one member of your group for Parliament, and the rest are colonists.

Both the King and Parliament take their places at the center of the room. Explain that you are putting in place certain taxes that you think are necessary to pay for the expenses of running a kingdom, as King George III did to pay off the debt that Great Britain had accumulated during the French and Indian War.

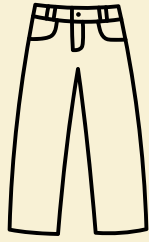
Instructions:

- Fill a bowl with chocolate chips or other small candies.
- Give each colonist 20 pieces of candy. These represent a month's wages for each colonist
- Put the taxable items cards into a bowl and give the bowl to Parliament.
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- Set the scene: You, the teacher, are the King. Choose one member of your group for Parliament, and the rest are colonists. Royalty sits at the center of the room. Explain that you are putting in place certain taxes that you think are necessary to pay for the expenses of running a kingdom, as King George III did to pay off the debt that Great Britain had accumulated during the French and Indian War.
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TAXABLE ITEM CARDS



IF YOU ARE WEARING
GLASSES, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECE



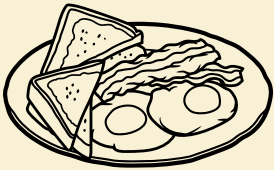
IF YOU ARE WEARING
PANTS, YOU OWE:
3 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU HAVE A
BROTHER, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU HAVE A
SISTER, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU ATE
BREAKFAST TODAY,
YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU HAVE LONG
HAIR, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECE



IF YOU LIVE IN A
NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU
OWE:
1 CANDY PIECE



IF YOU OWN A PET,
YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES

TAXABLE ITEM CARDS



IF YOU ARE SITTING
DOWN, YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU ARE WEARING
SOCKS, YOU OWE:
3 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU HAVE A
PENCIL ON YOUR
DESK, YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES



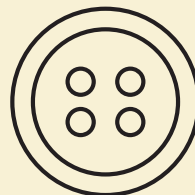
IF YOU HAVE BLOND
HAIR, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECES



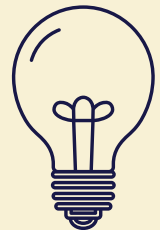
IF YOU ARE WEARING A
SWEATER, YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU OWN A BOOK,
YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECES



IF YOUR SHIRT HAS
BUTTONS, YOU OWE:
2 CANDY PIECES



IF YOU HAVE A LIGHT
ON, YOU OWE:
1 CANDY PIECES