

American Literature
Study Guide - Patrick Henry.tgt

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Read over the questions below and think about Henry's speech at the Virginia Convention. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. What is Patrick Henry's opinion of the delegates who addressed the convention before him?

2. Henry refers to a lamp that guides him. What is this "lamp"?

3. What does Henry indicate are signs that the British are planning to attack the colonies?

4. Henry rejects the possibility of Americans gaining their rights simply by asking the King to grant them. Why?

5. What does Henry say will result from the colonies' backing down from a war with Britain?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the speech. (10 points each)

6. What does Henry seem to feel are the colonists' greatest strengths and weaknesses?
7. What are some of the reasons that Henry sees only one possible course of action for the colonists? Use details from the speech to support your answer.