

Speech at Virginia Convention - Patrick Henry
Comprehension Qs and Extended Response Directions

Comprehension Questions:

1.) Why do you think Henry begins his speech with the statement "Mr. President: No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism, as well as abilities of the very worthy gentlemen who have just addressed the house. But different men often see the same subject in different lights."

2.) What rhetorical device is Henry using when he says, "listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts"? Explain it and discuss what appeal it creates.

Remember English Q2!

3.) Henry continues to present the evidence of the British sending armies and navies. What is his rhetorical pattern for the presentation of this evidence? How is it persuasive? What appeal(s) are created?

4.) The tone of Henry's message changes in the last paragraph? How do you know? How does his message, and its delivery, change? Be specific!

Extended Response:

Not to exceed one page in length (handwritten or typed, double spaced), answer the following question. **What is Patrick Henry's biggest reason for wanting to go to war with Britain (A), and how does he make his point (B)?**

Your response should have a claim in the form of a topic sentence following this template.

>> By/through (B), Patrick Henry proves that because (A), the colonists should engage in war with Britain.

Your response should also include evidence from the text, commentary/explanation of the reason, and evaluation of **how** Patrick Henry makes his point (ie. what strategies does he use). Evidence should include specific line numbers with parenthetical citation. Quotes should be properly integrated into your response; quote bombs will receive a **zero** for the evidence category.

Your response should be uniquely your own; while comprehension questions and brainstorming can be worked on in groups, I am ultimately grading your extended response. Any remote similarities to another student in idea or verbiage will be grounds for an automatic zero.

Grading is as follows:

Claim	-	5pts
Evidence	-	5pts
Explanation of Evidence	-	5pts
Explanation of Method	-	5pts
Grammar Skill /Coherency	-	5pts

Points: 25 points

Due: