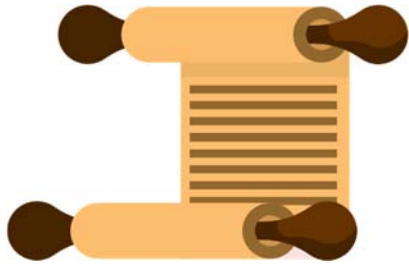


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Whispers Of Liberty

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Pay close attention to the **bolded words** that may be unfamiliar. Use the surrounding words, historical context, or overall meaning of the passage to figure out each bolded word. Write your best definition in your own words. Afterward, compare your answers with the answer key to check accuracy.

A Revolutionary Meeting

In the late 1700s, a group of colonists gathered in a dimly lit tavern to discuss their growing frustration with British **tyranny**. The men spoke in hushed tones, fearing that loyalist spies might overhear their plans. One man unrolled a **parchment** filled with bold statements declaring the rights of the people. Another reminded the group that such words could be considered **treasonous**, punishable by death if discovered. Yet, despite the risk, their **resolute** spirits did not waver. They believed that liberty was worth more than safety. The meeting ended with an oath to continue their cause, even if it meant sacrificing their lives.

1. Using context clues, define **tyranny**.

2. Based on the surrounding details, what is **parchment**?

3. Why might **treasonous** be a dangerous word in this context? Define it.

4. What does the word **resolute** suggest about the men's attitude?
