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## Samuel Adams Rewrite

**Directions:** Read the short excerpt below from a speech by Samuel Adams given after the Boston Tea Party. Then, rewrite the passage in your own words, updating it to sound like something a person might say today while keeping the same message and tone.

### Original Excerpt (1773)

"The people have a just cause of complaint. The crown has taxed them without their consent and burdened them beyond measure. When the voice of reason is ignored, action must speak for liberty. We seek not disorder, but justice - not rebellion, but rights."

### Rewrite in Modern Language

(Use your own words but keep the meaning the same.)

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**Reflection:** Why is it important to preserve the meaning of historical speeches when rewriting them for modern readers?

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