

## Samuel Adams Rewrite Answer Key

### Sample Modern Rewrite:

"The people have every right to be upset. The government has been taxing us without asking for our approval and making life harder than it should be. If peaceful requests aren't heard, we must stand up for our freedom. We don't want chaos - we just want fairness and our rights."

### Reflection Ideas:

- It helps modern readers connect emotionally and understand the original purpose.
- It keeps the ideas of justice, liberty, and fairness alive for new generations.
- It encourages students to see how the same struggles for rights can exist in different times.

### Teacher's Guide

- Discuss the historical context: Samuel Adams as a leader and the Boston Tea Party as an act of protest against taxation without representation.
- Review key vocabulary: **crown, consent, liberty, justice, rebellion.**
- Encourage students to focus on **meaning, not wording** - they should modernize tone, not alter intent.
- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide a glossary for unfamiliar words for support.
  - Ask advanced learners to rewrite the speech twice - once in formal political language and once as if spoken by a modern activist.
- **Engagement idea:** Have students perform their rewrites aloud as if delivering a modern protest speech.
- **Extension activity:** Compare Adams' message with another revolutionary voice (like Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death") and discuss shared themes of freedom and protest.