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Four Ways the Colonists Protested Against British Rule



Match the four ways the colonists protested with passive, assertive, aggressive, and passive-aggressive communication.

Write the words in the correct spaces to match the type of protest.

passive - people are upset or have a need but say and do nothing to express themselves in order to avoid starting trouble

aggressive - people are upset or want their way and use verbal and physical force that harms things or people

passive-aggressive - people are upset or have a need but they do not clearly say how they feel; instead they use silent treatment, withdraw, or refuse to do something the other people want them to do

assertive - people are upset or have a need and use calm, clear, direct communication to express how they feel and ask for what they want

Some colonists became angry and threw tea belonging to Great Britain into Boston Harbor, threatened the British tax collectors, and fought in the American Revolutionary War.

The colonists wrote letters, sent petitions, created the Declaration of Independence, and made speeches to calmly explain how they felt.

The colonists did not say how they felt but they boycotted, or refused to buy, any goods from Great Britain on which they would have to pay tax.

Many colonists did not agree and were upset by many British laws but said nothing to show loyalty to the king and avoid causing trouble.

