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PATRICK HENRY

"Give me liberty or give me death!" These famous words were spoken by Patrick Henry. His words and life changed America.

Patrick was born on May 29, 1736. He went to school at home. His father, John Henry, was his teacher. Patrick studied math, reading, and writing. He wanted to learn about the laws of the land. He studied on his own. In 1760, he took a test to become a lawyer.

At that time, the Colonies argued with the British. The British wanted to make the laws for the Colonies. They wanted Colonists to pay senseless taxes. In 1777, they went to war.

Patrick Henry believed that the Colonies should be free from British rules and ideas. He made a famous speech for freedom. He asked his friends to fight with him against Britain. Patrick Henry put his life on the line. He spoke those famous words, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

We must be thankful for Patrick's brave words. Most importantly, we should be thankful for his brave actions.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death!"?
- a. John Henry
- b. The Colonies
- c. Patrick Henry
- d. The British

2. An **antonym** for the word *senseless* would most likely be . . .
- a. pointless.
- b. ridiculous.
- c. silly.
- d. practical.

3. Patrick Henry believed in freedom so much, he was willing to give his . . .
- a. family for it.
- b. horse for it.
- c. life for it.
- d. home for it.

4. Why did the Colonists want to be free from British rule?
- a. They were upset about the taxes, lies, and broken promises.
- b. They were upset about bad tea, angry fights, and mean words.
- c. They were upset about oceans, clothes, and guns.
- d. They were upset about animals, weapons, and fighting.

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