**Patrick Henry’s *Speech to the Virginia Convention* (1775)**

1. **Read Henry’s Biography on page 100 and fill in the following:**
   1. Henry’s first notable speech in 1765 was aimed at the much hated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with which the British Parliament instituted taxes on all public documents and newspapers.
   2. During Henry’s youth, he experienced a religious revival known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. As a young man, Henry tried his hand at farming and merchant life before discovering his true passion of oratory in the form of a career in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   4. Ten years after his famous Stamp Act speech, Henry delivered his infamous “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” speech just as the colonies were at their breaking point with England.
   5. This breaking point came after the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1773, during which the British closed the port of Boston and implemented other harsh measures known to the colonists as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
   6. On March \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1775, the Virginia House of Burgesses held a convention to decide what to do in response to the growing British military threat; both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were present.
   7. On March 23, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Henry rose to defend his position to take up arms.
   8. Henry’s speech worked; the Virginia Convention voted to take up arms against England and on April 19, 1775, the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ignited the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War.
2. **Now, read Patrick Henry’s *Speech to the Virginia Convention* on pages 102-104 and answer the following questions in your notebook:**
   1. In the first paragraph, what does Henry say this matter before them is a question of?
   2. In the first paragraph, what does Henry say he will feel guilty of if he does not speak and take action?
   3. What is the **allusion** used by Henry in paragraph 2? Why does he draw this comparison?
   4. How does Henry say he judges the future in paragraph 3? What image does he call upon to make this comparison?
   5. When Henry says, in paragraph 3, “Suffer not yourselves to be betrayed with a kiss,” what is he alluding to?
   6. What is the last resort of kings in Henry’s opinion?
   7. In paragraph 4, find one **metaphor** that Henry uses to signal the coming war:
   8. What is Henry’s **call to action**? What does he want to persuade his listeners to do?
   9. In Henry’s opinion, what is inevitable?
   10. Find **3 loaded words**, that, in your opinion, Henry uses in his speech:
   11. Provide an example of a **rhetorical question** used by Henry:
   12. How did Henry’s speech affect you personally? In your opinion, what was Henry’s strongest **persuasive appeal** (logos, pathos, or ethos)?