

Document Deep Dive

Examine the following primary sources in the Season of Independence digital interactive:

- *Virginia Instructions to Congressional Delegates*
- *Rhode Island Act Repealing Allegiance to Great Britain*
- *New Jersey State Constitution*
- *Charlestown, South Carolina Grand Jury Presentments*

Examine each one and take a few notes about them (what they say, when they occurred, what part of the colonies they apply to, and other information). Answer the questions below after examining all four of the primary sources.

1. What type of events are being shown by the interactive timeline?
2. What type of events might be missing from the interactive timeline?
3. Which groups of people are not as well-represented by the interactive timeline?
4. What kind of changes are being shown by the events in the interactive timeline?
5. What can you infer about American support for independence from the primary source documents? What about from the events included in the interactive timeline?