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THEME III: COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY PERIODS cont.

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Complaints Against the King

The second part of the Declaration listed specific actions taken by the King that justified the colonists overthrowing the British government.

Exercise

Read the list of complaints that the colonists had against the King and indicate with a check which were good reasons for revolting and which were not.

	A good reason for revolting	Not a good reason for revolting	Not sure
The King has not allowed colonists to pass laws in colonial assemblies without his approval.			✓
The King has not allowed the colonists to have equal representation in the English parliament (where laws are passed affecting the colonies).	✓		
The King has shut down our legislatures when they criticized him.		✓	
The King has tried to stop the colonies from growing by not allowing people in Europe to come here.	✓		
The King has refused to allow us to set up our own courts, forcing us to go to English courts to settle disputes.	✓		
The judges treat us unfairly because the King pays their salaries.	✓		
Even during peaceful times, the King keeps his armies here to control us.		✓	
The King forces us to allow British soldiers to stay in our homes.	✓		
The King stops us from trading with other countries.	✓		✓
The King makes us pay taxes without our approval.	✓		
The King takes away our rights to a fair jury trial.	✓		
The King's forces have taken Americans off our ships at sea and forced them to fight against their own people.	✓		
He has told our slaves and servants to fight against us, and he has encouraged the Indians to attack us.	✓		