A Nation Emerges

Unit 2: Why do people rebel? Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Planning Your Op-Ed

(This is just a suggestion.)

REMEMBER: You are writing this op-ed from the perspective of the patriot or loyalist that you chose. The suggestions below use the terms YOU and YOUR. By that I mean the loyalist or patriot that you are representing.

**Paragraph 1: Introduction**

* Give some **background information** on yourself. Try to include information that will help the reader to understand why you are for or against independence.
* Include a **thesis statement** at the end of this paragraph. This might be as simple as stating your position on independence and listing the three reasons why.

**Paragraph 2: Body**

* Explain the **first reason** why you are for/against independence. Connect it to your personal life if possible.

**Paragraph 3: Body**

* Explain the **second reason** why you are for/against independence. Connect it to your personal life if possible.

**Paragraph 4: Body**

* Explain the **third reason** why you are for/against independence. Connect it to your personal life if possible.

**Paragraph 5: Conclusion**

* This is a good time for your **concession statement**. Acknowledge possible counter arguments.
* **Refer back** to your thesis statement.
* **Call to action**: Advise the American colonists on what they should do.