

# “George, it’s like...totally OVER!”

## ~The Declaration of Independence, a Breakup Letter

To show your understanding of why the colonists wanted to “breakup” with King George III, you will create some form of “breakup letter” ...but with a twist. You may choose to breakup up with King George III on Facebook, Twitter, Edmodo, Texting, a basic letter or another creative way (approved by Mr. Furg.)

Below you will find excerpts which you MUST include in your breakup document. You must be sure to explain **WHY** you want to break up using specific examples from the ACTUAL Declaration of Independence.

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EXAMPLE:

**From Colonists:** *George, we really need to talk. Things just aren’t working out. We just can’t take it anymore. It’s OVER! Don’t call or text me anymore. IT IS OVER!*

**From King George III:** *What do you mean it’s over? I know we’ve had some rough times recently but I thought things were getting better. Why do you want to break up?*

**From Colonists:** *Really? You didn’t see this coming? Here’s just a short list of the things I can’t stand about our relationship anymore. Don’t get mad either...remember, you asked for it! For starters...*

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Excerpt 1:	So what you’re really saying is...
“We hold these truths to be <b>self-evident</b> , that all men are created equal, that they are <b>endowed</b> by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the <b>consent</b> of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to <b>abolish</b> it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.”	

Excerpt 2:	So what you’re really saying is...
“He has refused his <b>assent</b> to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good...	

<b>Excerpt 3:</b>  He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies without the consent of our legislature....	<b>So what you're really saying is...</b>
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<b>Excerpt 4:</b>  For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of the Trial by Jury...	<b>So what you're really saying is...</b>
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<b>Excerpt 5:</b>  For imposing taxes on us without our consent."	<b>So what you're really saying is...</b>
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<b>Excerpt 6:</b>  "He has cut off our Trade with all parts of the world"	<b>So what you're really saying is...</b>
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<b>Excerpt 7:</b>  "In every stage of these Oppressions, we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury."	<b>So what you're really saying is...</b>
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