

Shay's Rebellion

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	Quote	Main Idea (with support)
	"And what country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to the facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure." -Thomas Jefferson in a letter he wrote while living in France to his friend William Smith, 1787	
	Ignorant, restless desperadoes, without conscience or principles, have led a deluded multitude to follow their standard, under pretense of grievances which have no existence but in their own imaginations. Some of them were crying out for a paper currency, some for an equal distribution of property, some were for annihilating all debts, others complained that the Court of common pleas was unnecessary. By this list you will see the materials which compose this rebellion and the necessity there is of the wisest and more vigorous measures to quell & suppress it... -Abigail Adams in a letter written to Thomas Jefferson while living abroad in London, 1787	

Directions: Answer the following questions Explain. (Use supporting details from the text to analyze or summarize)

1) How did Thomas Jefferson and Abigail Adams perspective **differ** on the situation in Massachusetts (Shays' Rebellion)?

Jefferson's perspective

Adams' perspective

2) What was the main cause of Shays' Rebellion?

3) Explain the significance of Shays' Rebellion on the young United States of America?
