**Speech in the Virginia Convention**

# Notes

-The state of Virginia is debating whether they should keep peace or start war to fight for freedom from the British.   
-Patrick Henry is arguing for war. His delegates were arguing for peace.   
-Henry introduces his opinion that this is a turning point for our country. It’s a big deal.   
-He thinks that if he keeps his opinion in, he’s committing a crime against the country.   
-He says “we can hide from the truth, that Britain is preparing for war against us, or we can prepare ourselves to win that war.”  
-We’re blinding ourselves to what is happening; We’re ignoring that they want war.   
-Britain is sweet talking in order to attack us blindly. They’ve asked already for their freedom by petitioning the government and the King.   
-Britain has called in military; why else would they do that?  
-Britain’s answer to Virginia’s requests for freedom were violent interactions.   
-Henry says “we need to stop talking, and start fighting.”  
-Henry says “There is no longer any hope for peace.”