

00:00:00:00 - 00:00:04:05

Brewed Revolution

00:00:04:13 - 00:00:06:26

It really is about who is going to govern,

00:00:06:26 - 00:00:09:18

who is in charge,

and will it be the company

00:00:09:18 - 00:00:11:17

and the parliament who know better

00:00:11:17 - 00:00:13:21

or will be the people in the towns of Massachusetts?

00:00:13:21 - 00:00:15:26

And that's really

what the revolution is about.

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This is why John Adams says the revolution  
was accomplished before a drop of blood

00:00:19:22 - 00:00:21:20

was spilled at Lexington Green.

00:00:21:20 - 00:00:24:26

And it really is a change in the way  
people think, not a change,

00:00:24:26 - 00:00:28:18

but a continuing thinking about  
we govern ourselves.

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So that is really the issue.

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It's what makes it such an event,  
not just because of the event,

00:00:33:07 - 00:00:36:01

but then parliament then cracks down  
on Massachusetts,

00:00:36:01 - 00:00:38:13  
suspends the government, closes the port.

00:00:38:13 - 00:00:40:24  
Town meetings,  
no longer choose local officials.

00:00:40:24 - 00:00:43:25  
They will be chosen by the governor and

00:00:43:25 - 00:00:48:07  
it is an end to self-government in 1774

00:00:48:07 - 00:00:50:29  
that then triggers the reaction  
from Massachusetts

00:00:50:29 - 00:00:55:04  
and the other colonies  
in 1775 and 1776.

00:00:55:04 - 00:01:03:08  
So without this event,  
you don't have independence.

00:02:36:11 - 00:02:39:25  
John Adams  
said that the destruction of the tea

00:02:39:29 - 00:02:43:26  
was the most magnificent movement of all,

00:02:43:28 - 00:02:46:28  
that this would be an apoca in history.

00:02:47:04 - 00:02:52:12  
The people should never rise, he said,  
without doing something to be remembered.

00:02:52:14 - 00:02:55:04  
And this was such a great event.

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He knew it would be remembered.