

King George III

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King George III was king during the American Revolution and has been viewed in history as a tyrant that drove the rebellion. However, he was supportive of colonist's rights. He quashed most taxes and hoped for a negotiated settlement till the end. It was the Parliament that demanded punishment for the rebels. He was a learned man that spoke two languages and studied the sciences. He was king for 60 years and had one wife his entire life with no mistresses. His book collection became the foundation for the national library. He was well liked by the British people until dementia took hold during the last 10 years of his life. This is just a possible summary of his time.

Magna Carta heralded as landmark.

Parliamentary monarchy ensues.

Other's limitations weigh on monarch,

Power of authority to disuse.

Winds of revolution are in the air.

Oppose the colonies and French alike.

**Win against Napoleon we all share,
withdraw from colonies to save tax hike.**

Slavery delayed, finally ended.

Political infighting constant tiring.

**Into private dementia descended,
no further thoughts or cares requiring.**

Survivors are left to write history.

What they say could be full of mystery.