Patrick Henry Notes(Mr. Borland’s copy)

**Early Life**:

-Born between classes(mom was from gentry class, father was a Scottish immigrant)

-Dad was a justice of the peace(a judge)

-Patrick was born on May 29th, 1736 in Virginia and named after his Uncle.

-Had a happy childhood

-Loved to play the fiddle/taught himself to play flute

-hunted and fished

-loved country solitude

-Great Awakening influenced him

-Influenced by Samuel Davies an evangelical minister(fiery speaker)

**Education/Career:**

-informal education, didn’t go to school

-through education from father and uncle

-as a 15 year old he worked when most were going to college

-tried to farm, but failed

-his house burned and he moved his family to his in laws

-flourished as an innkeeper working for his father in law.

-gained instinct for law/politics while working in the inn

-studied and went to Williamsburg to become a lawyer at age 23

-often defended religious dissenters.

-gained confidence from defending tobacco farmers against parsons.(launched his political career)

**Speeches:**

-Stamp act speech May 23rd, 1765 shortly after becoming a member of House of Burgesses

-Resolutions protested the Stamp act

-Used strong/forceful language

-forced parliament to repeal stamp act

-most famous speech given in St. Johns church in Richmond Va on March 23, 1775

-“Give me liberty, give me death” speech encouraged Virginians to take arms with Massachusetts and go against the British.