

**Questions for “Let Us Now End American Colonialism”**  
**A speech given by Earnest Gruening to the Alaska Constitutional Convention on**  
**November 9, 1955**

1. When was the speech delivered and to whom was it delivered?
  
2. Who gave the speech and what had been his official position in the Territory of Alaska?
  
3. What did he say was the basic reason the Constitutional Convention was convened?
  
4. How did he describe the relationship between the United States Government and the Territory of Alaska?
  
5. To what fundamental American document does he refer as he makes his case for statehood?
  
6. Who, like King George III, is the “ruler” of Alaska?
  
7. List ten specific grievances he cites as why “America does not, alas, practice what it preaches...?”

8. Write a paragraph that summarizes the speech he made. Was it persuasive? Explain.